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U.K. Arrival

▶ Avril Lavigne arrives for the Brit Awards at The O2 Arena in London last night. Lavigne and British singer Will Young presented Justin Bieber with the award for best international breakthrough act.

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Canadians connect at Brits

Cherry wants to kick-start hearts

Grapes fights to put defibrillators in schools {page 4}

Anxiety over Islamism

Muslim Brotherhood emerging from Egypt's margins {pages 12-13}

Bosh bash appears imminent

- Fans prepare to serenade former star player
- Raptors, who went 40-42 last season, are 15-40 and have won just two of their past 18 games

When Chris Bosh makes his long-awaited return to the Air Canada Centre, analysts and fans say he will be stepping onto the hardwood to a symphony of boos.

"He is going to get lambasted with about 19,000 boos," said Tas from The Score network's The Basketball Jones. "He worked his ass off for 98 per cent of the games he played, but there is zero chance he won't get booed."

Toronto hosts the Heat tonight (TSN2, 7 p.m. ET) in Bosh's first appearance at the ACC since he signed with Miami after seven seasons with the Raptors.

And Raptors' fans plan to let Bosh know how they feel as soon as his name is announced.

"He will be booed more viciously than Vince (Carter) ever was," said Raptors Facebook fan page subscriber Rudi Schuller, 31, of Mississauga. "He's the worst of them all."

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BOSH SAYS HE'S READY TO FACE RAPS FAITHFUL, PAGE 40

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"The fans think he's a traitor ... It would mean a lot to them if we can get this win, and it would mean a lot to our team."
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Tweet revenge

Fans are using Twitter to convey their opinions, both for and against Chris Bosh.

- @izzyLati: "Boo Bosh he'll be lucky if I don't throw beer."
- @raptorshq: "Bosh will get boos, but to me he deserves way more cheers than boos."

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Pizzeria goes to pot after 30 years

Unknown when eatery will reopen

"Was that really oregano on my pizza?"

Two days after police shuttered Pizza Gigi amid allegations that the owner sold drugs from the restaurant, the question spread through the Twittersphere.

But unless someone saved a slice that can be analyzed, we will probably never know the answer.

What we do know is that Pizza Gigi, located at the corner of Harbord and Lippincott streets, was the subject of several complaints by homeowners in the leadup to the raid.

Police descended on Pizza Gigi with a search warrant just after 1:30 a.m. Monday. They say they found $1 million worth of marijuana, half an ounce of crack cocaine, Oxycocet and OxyContin. Owner Salvatore Crimi, 57, faces 15 drug-related charges.

The pizza place has been in business for more then 30 years. In a neighbourhood of century-old homes and stately trees, it stands out like a sore thumb: It's in a hard-to-miss canary-yellow building whose north side is covered with hundreds of posters.

It opens sometime after 4 p.m. and stays open till 4 a.m. By all accounts, it was run by Crimi along with at least six cooks and delivery people.

Yesterday, it looked as if it had been turned upside down. Cheese cartons, pizza boxes and articles of clothing were scattered on the floor inside. The lights were glowing and a thick bunch of keys sat on a Formica-top table.

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▶ Gigi Pizza on Harbord Street, the scene of a major drug bust on the weekend. Jesse Gomez, 14, a Central Tech student from across the street, tells stories of drug use at the restaurant.

No surprise

▶ Jazzmin Thut

Toronto Life admitted in a short piece that ambience was in short supply at Pizza Gigi but unabashedly praised its pizza. However, not everyone in the neighbourhood loves it.

- "It never had a great reputation," said Jazzmin Thut, 22, who has lived in the neighbourhood all her life. "Drugs ... let's say I'm definitely not surprised."
- Thut said she often ate there but could never understand how it survived for three decades as an independent business.
- "It always looked crummy and there was rarely a lineup for pizza," she said. "You wonder."

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▶ John McEachern and Don Cherry unveil an automated external defibrillator at the Hockey Hall of Fame in honour of Chase McEachern, who died Feb. 15, 2006, at 11 years old.

Cherry pushes for mandatory defibrillators

Private member's bill that would make devices mandatory in schools and arenas has been stalled

Flanking a new defibrillator with Don Cherry, John McEachern's eyes well when he talks about the lives saved by machines installed in his son's name.

Chase McEachern was an 11-year-old hockey fanatic with an unusually high heart rate and an atrial flutter when he wrote a letter to Cherry, asking for help starting a campaign to make defibrillators mandatory in arenas and schools.

Cherry didn't get the letter until after Chase died.

The hockey legend joined McEachern yesterday, the fifth anniversary of Chase's death, to unveil a defibrillator at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

It's one of 2,600 installed across Ontario with help from a tribute fund in Chase's name. So far, they've saved 27 lives.

"Chase is the guy that did that," Cherry said.

But McEachern and Cherry said there's still more to be done.

A private member's bill that would fulfil Chase's request to make defibrillators mandatory in schools, arenas and other public places has been stalled before a standing committee since last May.

"I hope Premier McGuinty is watching," Cherry said. "He promised that it would be passed. Let's get it going." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

$3 million

Premier Dalton McGuinty's own father died of a heart attack in his backyard. A statement released by the premier's office yesterday said the government has invested $3 million to increase access to defibrillators.

Winter not over yet: Environment Canada

Record high temperatures are in the forecast for tomorrow and Friday, but Environment Canada says old man winter isn't packing his bags just yet.

"We tend to see some fairly dramatic swings in temperature this time of year," said Environment Canada meteorologist Geoff Coulson, "(As for an early spring) it's tough to say at this point. We're looking at more normal temperatures with daytime highs around –1 so there's no real indication of winter waving a white flag."

Although spring may not be on the doorstep, the forecast for the next two days shows back-to-back record-breaking highs.

Record breaking?

Environment Canada says:

- Warm air masses from the U.S. south will be moving in to the city tomorrow and Friday, resulting in potential record-breaking daytime highs.
- Over the weekend, winds from northwestern Ontario will roll into the city, causing a predicted forecast of –2 C as a daytime high for Saturday and –1 for Sunday.

Coulson said Torontonians are looking at a daytime high of 9 C for tomorrow, with the previous record being 7.4 C, and 12 C Friday, with the previous record set at 10.6 C.

Rosanna D'urbano, manager of Dr. Martens at 391 Queen St W., said, "The good weather is always good for business; you'll see a lot more people walking down the street."

Shoppers can enjoy the Queen Street West shopping strip for the days to come but Coulson said with rain in the forecast for tomorrow and Friday pedestrians should "look out for frozen puddles and patches of ice on the sidewalks and side streets on Saturday morning," as the temperature is expected to drop below freezing.

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Patriarch offers name for alleyway

An admired patriarch approaching his 106th birthday might deserve to have a street named after him, but longevity might also disqualify him.

At North York community council tonight, councillors will consider whether to name a public alleyway Najib Abboud Lane in his honour.

Police, fire service and emergency medical services like the idea. So does the North York Preservation Panel.

But the rules say that only in "exceptional circumstances" can streets be named after living people.

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Student wrongfully arrested at school

A Brampton mother wants the Peel District School Board to review its relationship with police after her 14-year-old son was wrongfully arrested at his school.

Carshel Knowles spent the night in police custody before Peel Region police admitted the arrest was based on "inaccurate" information and dropped the charges.

Sheryl Thomas said staff at the school identified her son to police from a witness cellphone photo of four black youth accused of robbery involving a gun near the school. The photo did not show any of their faces, she said.

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Graffiti bylaw under scrutiny

In the midst of a citywide graffiti crackdown launched by the mayor, three homeowners in the city's west end will find out today whether paintings on their properties must be taken down.

The homeowners — two on Maria Street and one on Ryding Avenue — are fighting graffiti bylaw violation notices handed out by the city, arguing that the paintings on their properties are murals, not graffiti.

"You sort of figure it's your property, you should be able to paint it how you want," Lee Jeffrey said.

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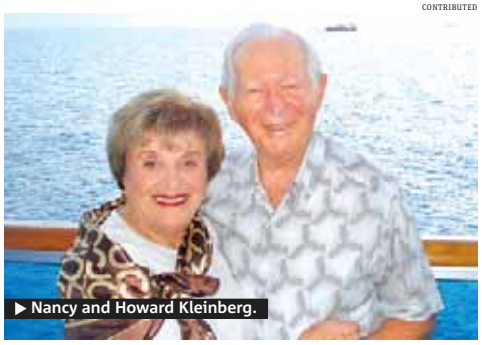

▶ Nancy and Howard Kleinberg.

'World's greatest love story'

- As teenagers, couple imprisoned in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp
- 50,000 prisoners died at Bergen-Belsen due to lack of food, medical care

A Toronto couple, married for more than 60 years, appeared on Live! With Regis And Kelly yesterday morning as one of the "World's Greatest Love Stories."

Nancy and Howard Kleinberg, Holocaust survivors who lived through a Nazi death camp and immigrated to Toronto in 1947, were featured on Regis and Kelly as part of an ongoing valentine's week segment.

"I never had the capacity to dream that my destiny is such that I'm going to survive, have a wonderful wife, wonderful family and wind up in New York at a show telling our life story," Howard Kleinberg said.

"Our romance is still very much alive. There are many times I feel we are closer to each other now than when we were younger," Howard said on the show.

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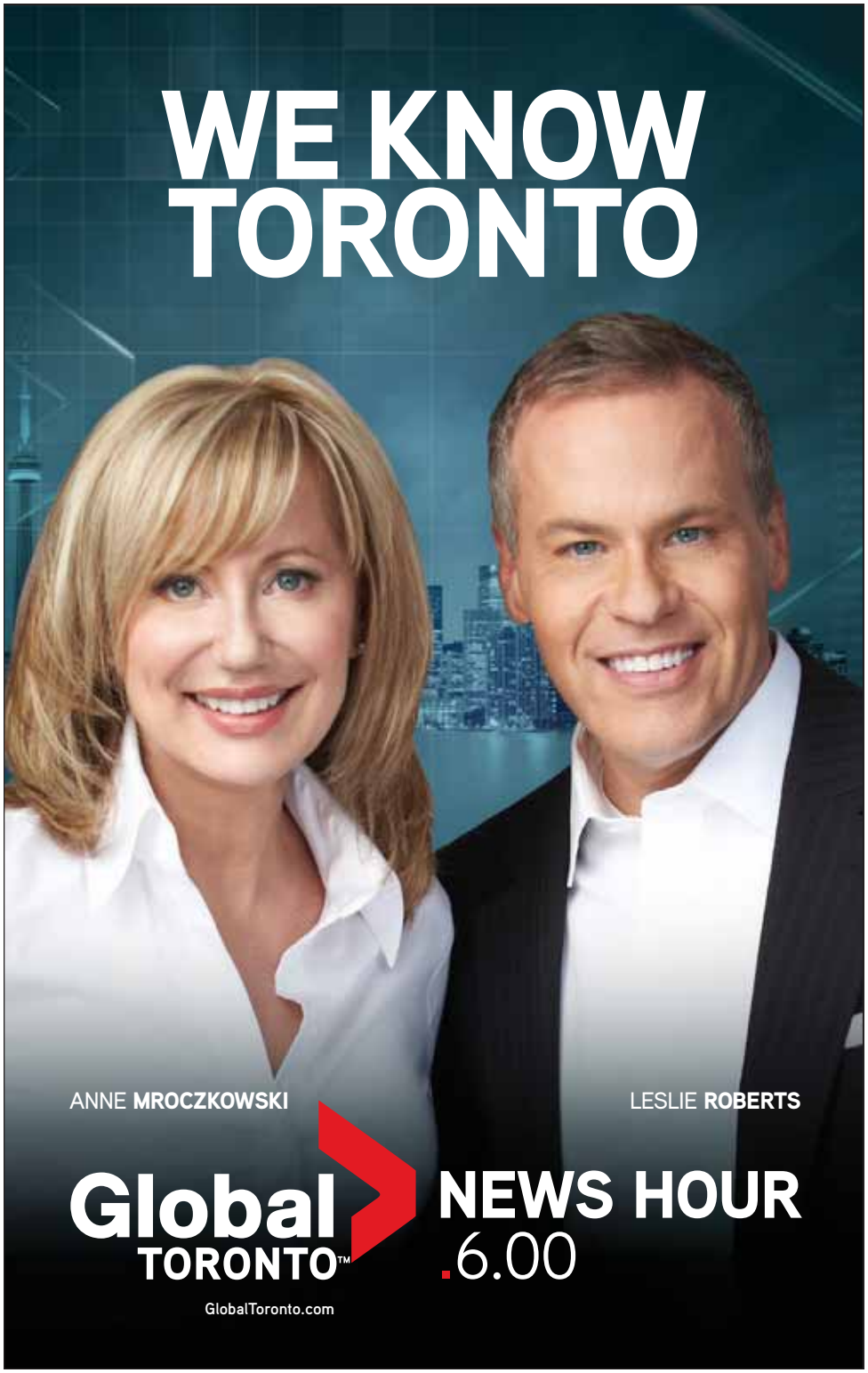

Chinese millionaire facing deportation

15M Han Lin Zeng's business was worth more than $15 million in 1997, the year Zeng's group merged with a listed steel company based in Sichuan province.

A failed refugee claimant claims he was framed for fraud by corrupt officials in China and faces a potential death sentence if deported back to his homeland.

Han Lin Zeng, 65, who once owned one of China's largest private enterprises, is due to be sent back today, unless a last-minute reprieve is granted by the federal court to stay his removal.

Although the fraud-related criminal charges are within China's jurisdiction, Zeng's lawyers contended in court yesterday that Canada shouldn't deport someone to a place where he could face an unfair trial and execution. The court reserved its decision until this morning.

"China has a conviction rate of more than 95 per cent," said Daniel Kingwell, a lawyer for Zeng. "We learned from Amnesty International that 10 per cent of the executions there are for economic offences."

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Accused feared jail, court hears

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▶ Husam Dagheim

Charges

- **Manslaughter** Aklaesso Agba and Tristan Palmer were also initially charged with murder but both pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Accused killer Shawn Vassel told jurors he risked his life in a death-defying escape from police because he didn't want to go to prison for a crime he insists he never committed.

He also feared that, if caught, police would "squeeze" him to "rat out" people who would harm him and his loved ones.

But Crown prosecutor Brian McGuire told Vassel he was only thinking of himself when he leaped from balcony to balcony, scaling 11 floors down a highrise on San Romanoway at Jane Street and Finch Avenue West on Jan. 9, 2008.

McGuire contends Vassel shot Husam Dagheim, 27, of Mississauga in the heart in his minivan Dec. 2, 2007, in front of his horrified wife "almost at point-blank range" in the planned drug robbery with friends Aklaesso (Michael) Agba, a.k.a. "Lefty" and Tristan Palmer.

Vassel was so determined to protect himself that he was also willing to have his girlfriend lie to police and risk her being charged with accessory after the fact to murder, McGuire also suggested to jurors.

Taking the stand in his own defence, Vassel told jurors he still felt responsible for what happened because he lent his girlfriend's car to culprits and the car wound up being used as a getaway vehicle after a murder.

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PM's fate in female hands

Silvio Berlusconi on trial headed by three women in underage sex case
If found guilty of extortion, he could face up to 12 years in prison

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Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has been ordered to stand trial for underage prostitution and extortion. Yesterday, Judge Cristina Di Censo decided to ask the summary procedure against him, thus confirming the requests made previously by the prosecutor's office in Milan. The first hearing is scheduled for April 6 in Milan.

In the Italian legal system, this kind of trial is usually asked for those defendants against whom there is concrete evidence in order to shorten the whole procedure.

The court will consist of three female judges. Two people appear as victims in this trial: Moroccan dancer Karima (Ruby) El Mahroug for the crime of underage prostitution; and the Italian Home Office for the crime of extortion. Berlusconi is accused of having paid for sex with Ruby while she was underage, and to have put pressure on police to release the girl when she was held on charges of theft. For underage prostitution, the Italian prime minister faces the prospect of six months to three years in jail, while extortion is punishable in Italy from four to 12 years of jail.

Major opposition groups have asked Berlusconi to immediately resign and accept to defend himself in court.

Investigation

In one of the most scandalous trials to hit Italy's political elite, several details have leaked out.

- **Between** May 27 and May 28, 2010, Berlusconi reportedly telephoned a Milan police station to demand the release of 17-year-old Karima (Ruby) El Mahroug, accused of theft, and for her to be given in custody to a regional councillor, 25-year-old former showgirl Nicole Minetti. Berlusconi's explanation: The girl is the nephew of former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak.
- **In October 2010,** what had happened in the police station becomes public. The prosecutor's office in Milan starts investigating the PM.
- **In January 2011,** the contents of months of wire taps become public: It unveils that dozens of girls attended parties at Berlusconi's villa, and were alleged to have been paid with thousands of euros and gifts to have sex with him. Twelve of them were living in the same building in the outskirts of Milan: Bills and rent appeared to be have been paid regularly by Berlusconi's accountant.
- **Nicole Minetti is** also under investigation for induction to prostitution, along with TV agent Lele Mora and broadcast journalist Emilio Fede. The three of them appear to have put girls in contact with Berlusconi, organizing the so-called "Bunga Bunga" parties.

Italy. Aide

▶ Nicole Minetti attends a meeting yesterday.

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Nothing left behind

Silvio Berlusconi aide and regional Coun. Nicole Minetti attends a meeting at the Lombardy regional headquarters in Milan yesterday. Last May, Minetti took a 17-year-old Moroccan girl nicknamed Ruby into custody, who was temporarily detained on suspicion of theft and then released.

Princess Diana's brother to marry Canadian

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▶ Earl Spencer and Karen Gordon

Less than two months after Prince William is due to wed his university sweetheart, Kate Middleton, at Westminster Abbey on April 29, his uncle, Earl Spencer, will be tying the knot with Canadian philanthropist Karen Gordon at his ancestral home in Althorp, in central England.

Spencer's representatives said yesterday the marriage would take place during a private ceremony June 18, but no further details would be disclosed.

Spencer, 46, is the brother of the late Princess of Wales. He remains best known for the moving eulogy he delivered at Diana's funeral service in 1997.

Aristocrat Earl Spencer has worked as a writer and broadcaster, including a stint as a contributing correspondent for NBC News.

He's the author of books including The Spencer Family and a well-received military history titled Blenheim: Battle For Europe.

Gordon is the founder and chief executive of Whole Child International, a Los Angeles-based charity that works to help orphaned, abandoned, or abused children.

It will be Spencer's third marriage.

He has four children from his first marriage, to Victoria Lockwood, and two from his second marriage, to Caroline Freud.

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Royal couple

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- **Karen Gordon** is the founder and chief executive of Whole Child International in L.A.

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Clock has run out for couch potatoes

Exercise society guidelines say no more than two hours per day of TV or computer time for kids

New sedentary behaviour guidelines take aim at the couch potato culture of many Canadian youngsters by suggesting limits for sitting idle and spending time glued to TV, computer and game screens.

The Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology's guidelines, unveiled yesterday, focus on minimizing behaviours that involve little physical movement and the low expenditure of energy.

Kids aged five to 11 are encouraged to walk to school with a group of neighbourhood kids; for youth 12 to 17, it's recommended they walk or bike with friends. Instead of teens texting their friends, it's suggested they visit with them instead.

"We're not saying replace sedentary behaviour with exercise per se — (although) that would be wonderful. But replace it with something else other than sedentary behaviour," said Mark Tremblay, chair of the physical activity guidelines committee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 hour per day

Children and youth are advised to get at least 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

- But under current guidelines, CSEP said only seven per cent of youngsters are active enough to meet those targets. Meanwhile, they're spending an average 8.6 hours a day — 62 per cent of their waking hours — being sedentary.

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▶ Brothers, from left, Andrew, 8, C.J., 5, and Matthew Dalglish, 11, go sliding in a park near their Toronto home after school last Friday. New sedentary behaviour guidelines for Canadian children and youth emphasizes, among other things, the need to limit extended time spent sitting idle or indoors.

Mom wants disabled daughter sterilized

A British judge ruled yesterday that more evidence is needed before deciding whether to grant a mother's wish to have her mentally disabled daughter sterilized.

The 21-year-old woman, identified only as P, already has one child who is being cared for by her mother, Mrs. P. The woman is scheduled to give birth via cesarean section today and her mother had proposed that doctors could sterilize her daughter at the same time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Couric's career at a crossroad?

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▶ Katie Couric

Jeff Fager, the behind-the-scenes boss of 60 Minutes, was appointed CBS News chairman last week. His first major issue is likely to be whether Katie Couric remains as the network's top anchor after her current contract expires at the end of May. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. veterans say rape cases mishandled

A group of U.S. veterans who say they were raped and abused by their comrades want to force the Pentagon to change how it handles such cases.

In a federal class-action lawsuit filed yesterday that names U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates and his predecessor, Donald Rumsfeld, they want an objective third party to handle such complaints because individual commanders have too much say in how allegations are handled.

The alleged attackers in the lawsuit include an army criminal investigator and an army national guard commander. The alleged abuse ranges from obscene verbal abuse to gang rape.

In one incident, an Army reservist said two male colleagues raped her in Iraq and videotaped the attack. She complained to authorities after the men circulated the video to colleagues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Finger criminals faster with scanners, feds say

The federal government is offering encouragement — but no money — in a bid to get police forces across the country to buy fingerprint scanners that would speed up criminal record checks.

The Canadian Press reported in April that some churches and volunteer groups had stopped screening for potential pardoned sex offenders due to tightened rules on database searches.

The scanners would reduce the time needed to screen Canadians for work with children and other vulnerable people, said Public Safety Minister Vic Toews. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

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Egypt's uprising sparks protests in Bahrain

ARAB REFORM. Thousands of protesters took over a main square in Bahrain's capital yesterday — carting in tents and raising banners — in a bold attempt to copy Egypt's uprising and force high-level changes.

The move by demonstrators capped two days of clashes across the tiny kingdom that left at least two people dead, parliament in limbo by an opposition boycott and the king making a rare address on national television to offer condolences for the bloodshed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hardliners want death penalty for opposition

IRAN. Hardline Iranian lawmakers called yesterday for the country's opposition leaders to face trial and be put to death, a day after clashes between opposition protesters and security forces left two people dead and dozens injured. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Minister's trip to Tunisia fuels speculation

MICHELE ALLIOT-MARIE. France's foreign minister is again on the defensive over new questions about her vacation to Tunisia, where she travelled amid protests that toppled the nation's autocratic leader. France's Le Canard Enchaine newspaper reported yesterday that during Michele Alliot-Marie's trip, her parents signed a real estate deal with a businessman it says was close to the fallen regime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROTHERHOOD

Many Egyptians worry the Muslim Brotherhood will emerge from recent upheaval with greater influence

Group advocates for Islamic Shariah law in Egypt

The long banned Muslim Brotherhood said yesterday it will form a political party once democracy is established in Egypt but promised not to field a candidate for president, trying to allay fears at home and abroad that it seeks power. Still, the fundamentalist movement is poised to be a significant player in the new order.

Egypt's new military rulers gave a strong sign they recognize that the Brotherhood, which calls for creation of an Islamic state in the Arab world's most populous nation, can no longer be barred from politics after the mass uprising that forced out Hosni Mubarak with 18 days of protests.

The Armed Forces Supreme Council included a former Brotherhood lawmaker on an eight-member panel tasked with amending the constitution enough to allow democratic elections later this year.

"We are also not targeting to have a majority in the upcoming parliament. This is a time for solidarity, unity, we need a national consensus."
ESSAM EL-ERIAN, A SENIOR LEADER IN THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

The panel is comprised of legal experts of various ideologies, including secular liberal scholars and three judges from the current Supreme Constitutional Court, one of them a Christian, Maher Sami Youssef. The changes aim to open the field for political parties to form, loosen restrictions on who can run for president and write in guarantees to prevent the rampant election rigging that ensured Mubarak's ruling party a lock on power.

The panel's head is Tareq el-Bishri, considered one of Egypt's top legal minds. A former judge, he was once a secular leftist but became a prominent thinker in the "moderate Islamic" political trend. He is respected on both sides as a bridge between the movements.

The military is pushing ahead with a quick transition. Generals on the council said the military wants to hand power to a government and elected president within six months, the firmest timetable yet outlined. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisia extends state of emergency

Tunisia extended a state of emergency that has been in place since the country's longtime autocratic president was overthrown during an uprising last month, while it ended the curfew imposed during the deadly protests, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

The curfew was in place since Jan. 13, the day before President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled to Saudi Arabia in the wake of clashes between police and protesters angry about unemployment, corruption and repression. A United Nations mission said at least 219 people were killed in the unrest — including dozens in prison fires — while 510 were injured.

The curfew's hours had gradually been reduced in ensuing weeks. Most recently, it prevented people from walking outside or driving from midnight until 4 a.m.

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▶ Tunisian migrants march through the tiny island of Lampedusa yesterday to thank Italy for welcoming them. The government and EU have moved to stem the exodus of North African migrants to Europe.

The state of emergency, declared Jan. 14, forbids any public street gathering of three people or more, though that rule has rarely been enforced.

It also authorizes police and security forces to use their weapons against suspects who do not turn themselves in when ordered to do so, and against fleeing suspects who cannot be apprehended. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Relative stability

Life in Tunisia has largely returned to normal as a caretaker government tries to stabilize the country ahead of elections, meant to take place later in 2011.

▶ **The marauding gangs** of suspected regime loyalists who pillaged homes and businesses in the early days of upheaval have mostly faded away.

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▶ Egyptians celebrate on a beach in the northern port of Alexandria yesterday after the success of the popular revolt that drove Hosni Mubarak from power after 30 years.

Recognize calls for change, says Obama

Warily watching protests ripple across the Middle East, U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday that governments in the vital, volatile region are figuring out that they "can't maintain power through coercion." He slammed Iran as an exception, accusing the U.S. foe of beating and shooting protesters.

The public uprisings that toppled the leaders of Egypt and Tunisia have ignited protests and violent clashes in Bahrain, Yemen and Iran. With strategic U.S. interests in each of those countries, Obama conceded he is concerned about the region's stability. And he prodded governments to get out ahead of the change.

In his most expansive comments yet about the unrest spilling across the Middle East and north Africa, Obama signalled that he would stick with his Egyptian model: Prod governments to allow peaceful protests and to respond to grievances, but stay silent about who should run the countries or what change should look like.

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Scooting across the lake

Everybody calls it the Scoot.

A boat with an air propeller at the back delivers schoolchildren across frozen Lake Simcoe safely even if the ice breaks.

"When conditions are poor, the Scoot is the only way to go," says driver Rob Porte, who transports children, elders and other risk-averse travellers from Georgina Island to the south-shore mainland at Virginia Beach.

Georgina Island is home to the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, a community of about 100 homes. Two and a half kilometres of lake separate residents from the mainland. Winter ice liberates them.

Parents feel uncomfortable, however, sending children over the ice to schools in Pefferlaw and Sutton.

In the mid-1980s, a solution arrived. The band bought its first Scoot, allowing children to travel back and forth without risk. Three Scoots operate now.

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Freeze-up

During freeze-up and breakup Scoots run almost continually, back and forth, in and out of water, and almost everybody uses them.

- **Size** The two largest Scoots accommodate up to eight people with groceries.
- **Ice** This year they began running on Christmas Day and are to continue until the ice goes out in April.

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▶ A wounded female is carried away yesterday after she was injured by angry TFG soldiers who opened fire on hundreds of demonstrators gathered near the presidential palace in Mogadishu.

4 killed in peace rally attack

Somalia has been mired in violence since dictator Mohamed Siad Barre was toppled in 1991

Somali government soldiers in a pickup truck killed at least four civilians after opening fire on hundreds of people attending a peace rally in the country's war-ravaged capital, officials said yesterday.

Mogadishu's deputy mayor, Warsame Mohamed Jodah, condemned the shooting and said the rally was organized by his administration to promote peace in the city. Jodah said a government pickup truck pulled up near the rally and opened fire. "The men and women who gathered there wanted peace to be realized in Somalia. They wanted the fire to cease. But government soldiers have turned the rally into a mourning," he said.

Ali Muse, the chief of Mogadishu's ambulance service, said his team collected four dead bodies and 17 others were wounded.

Mogadishu residents have long accused soldiers of the fragile government of daily harassment and sometimes of reckless killings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Pug puppies Brutus, left, and Isabel fight for a treat from their owner.

Placing pups all in the family

Many Canadian dog owners consider pooches to be full-fledged members of household: Survey

Nearly half of Canadian dog owners refer to themselves as their pet's mom or dad, according to a recent poll.

And almost 20 per cent celebrate Rover's birthday.

A Harris/Decima survey commissioned by Nestle Purina PetCare Canada suggests 90 per cent of Canadian dog owners consider their pet a member of the family.

Atlantic Canadians lead the pack at 94 per cent. They're followed by Ontarians at 92 per cent.

Some 40 per cent of those surveyed call themselves mom or dad to their dog.

The poll was conducted between Jan. 13 and 17. It surveyed 1,221 adults who own or have owned a dog. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

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▶ Lisa Duncan boxes up items left at a memorial outside the Safeway where Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was shot and six people killed.

Alert over alleged shooter

Jared Loughner was forced out of college after officials said he was acting bizarre in class He's charged with trying to kill congresswoman, 2 staffers

A week before a man allegedly wounded a U.S. congresswoman in a deadly shooting spree, a local college that kicked him out was on alert that he might return.

The Arizona Republic, under the state's public records law, obtained a series of emails from December showing Pima Community College police planned to distribute Jared Loughner's picture to staff members and instruct night officers to watch for the former student.

"I will have a photo of Jared copied and given to the swing shift crew and have them conduct more frequent checks of the Northwest Campus," wrote Manny Amado, college police commander, in a Dec. 28 email, the Republic reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leaking doc was wrong: Fired Tory staffer

A former federal Conservative staffer who leaked a confidential pre-budget report to lobbyists says it was an error in judgment.

Russell Ullyatt told a House of Commons committee yesterday that he knew it was wrong to send the finance committee report to five lobbyists.

"I didn't understand how wrong it was," he said.

The leak was ruled a breach of parliamentary privilege, which is now being reviewed by the procedure and House affairs committee.

2 Russell Ullyatt's appearance was his second before the committee since he was fired from Saskatoon MP Kelly Block's staff in November.

The report, which contained MPs suggestions for budget ideas based on hours of consultations with the public, has since been shelved.

Liberal MP Judy Foote suggested that Ullyatt had planned the leak all along as he had sent one of the lobbyists a note the day before promising a copy of the document.

But Ullyatt said his decision to send the report out was spontaneous and designed to make himself look more important.

Ullyatt had previously approached all five lobbyists for a job.

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Funeral set for man slain in Dominican Republic

A funeral will be held Friday for 19-year-old Jordan Morrison of Barrie, who was killed in the Dominican Republic earlier this month.

Relatives say Morrison was attacked outside a resort nightclub after he came to the aid of a woman in a bar who was spit on.

Morrison's body was returned to Canada Saturday, and the family requested an autopsy be done here.

His funeral will be at the Hi-Way Pentecostal Church on Anne Street North at 1 p.m.

Visitation is tomorrow, from 2-4 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. at the Steckley Funeral Home on Worsely Street.

Two men from Montreal are in custody in Morrison's death and police say the investigation could take three months.

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TV. Costume

▶ Frank Coffman's mask on display in his work area in Boulder, Colo.

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Simian suit gets some hair time

With an appearance on ABC's Jimmy Kimmel Live! earlier this month, the Boulder costume maker's signature simian suit got nationwide exposure for all of 60 seconds.

Father faces 350 charges of sexual abuse

- Stepdaughter is mother to seven of his children
- German incest case opens with horrifying details

The father first raped his daughter on her 12th birthday, after the other children had left her party, prosecutors said as a stomach-turning incest case opened in western Germany.

The 48-year-old German truck driver, identified only as Detlef S. in line with privacy rules, sat stone-faced yesterday at the state court in Koblenz as Judge Winfried Hedge read aloud a letter written by his daughter, now 18.

"You made my life a living hell," she wrote.

Detlef S. is charged with 350 counts of sexual abuse — tormenting his daughter, stepdaughter and stepson for more than 20 years. He also faces 35 other sexual counts for forcing the two girls to have sex with other men for money. He faces up to 15 years in prison if found guilty. No plea was entered as the trial opened, but defence attorney Thomas Dueber read a statement in which the defendant admitted to fathering his stepdaughter's seven children. Prosecutors said DNA samples confirmed that. An eighth child died before DNA tests could be done. He had also been abusing his twin stepchildren, who are now 28, starting in 1987 when they were only four years old, until 2010, according to the indictment. Germany media call the suspect the "German Fritzl" — a reference to Austrian Josef Fritzl found guilty in 2009 of locking his daughter in a dungeon for 24 years and fathering seven children with her. He is serving a life sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Under German law, the father can't be identified.

Fire. Aftermath

▶ A woman secures her baby away from burnt homes yesterday.

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Fire devastates city in Philippines

A five-year-old boy died during a blaze in suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, Philippines. Fire officials estimate the fire, which started late Monday, gutted around 500 houses, leaving about 2,000 people homeless.

12 **Reports suggest Rabinovitch filmed more than a dozen female patients in various stages of undress in 2009.**

Doctor suspended

Montreal's Dr. Barry Rabinovitch has been suspended four months for filming patients when nude with a hidden camera. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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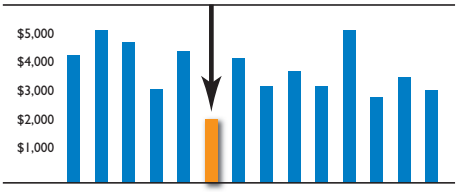

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Canadian home sales picked up in January from the month before and should accelerate further before tighter mortgage rules come into effect in March, the Canadian Real Estate Association says.

About 42,379 homes were sold on CREA's Multiple Listing Service, up 4.5 per cent from the 40,558 sold in December. The national average price also rose 4.5 per cent year-over-year to $343,675.

CREA said the figures show buyers were willing to pay premium prices to snap up a house before a March 18 deadline limits amortization periods to 30 years, making mortgage payments more expensive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Home truths

- **The Canadian Real Estate** Association has warned Ottawa that it should hold off on more tightening measures to curb mortgage debt until the impact of the most recent changes are known.
- **Some reports suggest that** when interest rates rise, which many economists expect midyear, Canada's real estate market could tank.
- **In the gloomiest report** to date, Capital Economics analyst David Madani said house prices are just a few interest rate hikes away from a 25 per cent correction over the next three years.

Mystery. Solved

▶ Coca-Cola (Japan) president Daniel Sayre talks business strategy yesterday at a press conference in Tokyo.

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But is it the real thing?

A Chicago radio show has revealed Coca-Cola's secret recipe. Take caffeine, sugar, caramel, vanilla and "fluid extract of coca." Mix with cinnamon, nutmeg oil, neroli, orange oil and coriander. Add fizz and enjoy.

Globalive too foreign, court rules

Ottawa will appeal a Federal Court ruling that found wireless provider Globalive doesn't have enough Canadian ownership to operate here. Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday that Globalive, financed largely by Egyptian-based Orascom, is a Canadian company and should be able to continue to offer its service. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Watson is some machine.

Named after the founder of IBM, Watson is a super computer worthy of the title. Built from 10 racks of IBM servers, it has 15 terabytes of RAM and the processing power of 2,800 of the most powerful computers on the market.

Watson is a humdinger, all right. But even with all that firepower, so far it has only managed to tie a human contestant on Jeopardy! As I write, there are two nights left to go, and Watson better get game or it's going to lose to some guy named Brad.

Watson is a quantum leap ahead of the most famous IBM computer to date, Deep Blue, which humbled world chess champ Garry Kasparov in 1997.

But as impressive as Watson is, it still has trouble with trivia. During a dry run before its appearance on Jeopardy! it answered the question: "What do grasshoppers eat?" with "Kosher!" causing its programmers to choke on their pastrami sandwich and write another million lines of codes to correct the problem.

"Is it just me, or is this a massive amount of effort to create nothing more than a giant nerd?"

Is it just me, or is this a massive amount of effort to create nothing more than a giant nerd? A nerd that can answer most trivia questions in three to five seconds, but a nerd nonetheless. Consider the evidence. It plays chess. It competes on Jeopardy!, the exclusive domain of nerds.

If these IBM scientists had a life, maybe they could create a machine that does something useful: Pick stocks that only increase in value; remember where I left my car keys; or find a decent restaurant in Nanaimo.

Instead, it's really good at identifying the names of Beatles songs from their lyrics. Big deal. I already know how to do that.

According to some experts, Watson's ability to answer questions will revolutionize call centres. Great. Instead of getting some bozo from South Carolina, we'll get some bozo from the cloud answering the question: "What's this $350 charge on my cellphone bill?" with "Would you like to speak to my supervisor?" and then hang up.

Our desire to create a machine that's smarter than we are is kind of pathetic. After all, we're limited by that fundamental law of computing: Garbage in, garbage out. We can only create a reflection of ourselves. Which explains why Watson is so easily confused. It's one of us.

Meanwhile, Watson and Brad conclude their epic battle tonight.

May the best nerd win.

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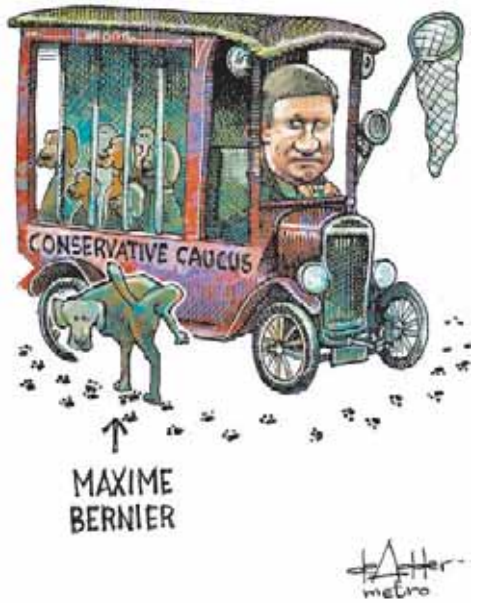
'Climate chaos' warning



Worth mentioning

Global warming is a looming threat to stability and national security around the world, and militaries should spend some of their ever-expanding budgets on reducing carbon emissions to avoid "climate chaos," the UN's top climate official said yesterday.

Christiana Figueres, head of the UN climate secretariat, warned of the destabilizing effects created by growing water stress, declining crop yields and damage from extreme storms in some of the world's poorest countries, which could set off mass international migration and regional conflicts.

Figueres said the world's military budgets grew by 50 per cent in the first nine years of this century. Rather than continue that growth in weaponry, she said, the generals should invest in preventative budgets to "avoid the climate chaos that would demand a defence response that makes even today's spending burden look light."

Scientists and defence think-tanks have warned for years of the heightened military risks created by global warming. In 2007, the UN panel of climate scientists said hundreds of millions of Africans will face persistent drought and food insecurity over the next decades that could prompt many to abandon ancestral homes.

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Metro Minute at Leigh & Harlow

For those of you who emitted a milk-curdling scream upon word that clothing prices would be driven up this summer, here's the news equivalent to a Valium.

So put your paper bags and sewing machines away because the sexy, trendy Leigh & Harlow boutique shops will ensure you can still afford to clothe yourself in the customary manner so befitting of you.

Each of its two locations offers many a rack full of great looking threads, from Paige Denim and William Rast to Montrealers Soia & Kyo. But a quick price check will restore your faith that the clothing gods are a most benevolent sort. That adorable dress in the window? Totally affordable.

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▶ Leigh & Harlow's two retail locations offer trendy yet affordable goods, and a positive, chilled-out shopping experience. Check leighandharlow.com for locations and hours.

2 scene

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▶ Michael Fassbender suits up as young Magneto in the new X-Men movie.

Michael Fassbender magnetizes as Magneto

New Magneto hopeful X-Men fans will be happy with this installment

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Michael Fassbender's fame has had a slow-build over the last few years — appearing in 300 and Inglorious Bastards in addition to a few artsy, well-respected movies.

But his notoriety is about to go through the roof with this coming summer's release of the X-men prequel, X-Men: First Class, in which he plays Erik Lensherr, i.e. the evil Magneto, as a young man.

How much will this X-Men go into your character Magneto's past?

You will see a little bit of that, yeah, at the beginning, but I thought what was interesting was what happened to him after the war — he gets that young gypsy girl out of the concentration camp that he falls in love with. They take off together and have a baby and the mob ends up going crazy and burning down the house and the child dies in the blaze. Magneto goes ape s— and kills everybody. She's freaked out and leaves him. So by the time we get to him in the movie, he's a bit of a loner, really.

Performing opposite James McAvoy who plays Professor X — who your character is close friends with before you become mortal enemies — must've been an attractive component to doing this film.

Definitely a big draw for me. At signing up, I only knew that James was attached to be in the film so I thought, OK, he's an intelligent guy and he'll bring something to it.

Can you talk a little bit about the changes we see Magneto go through in the film?

It's kind of like Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X — Charles [Professor X] being Martin Luther and Erik [Magneto] being Malcolm X — these two ideals, two intelligent guys but with different methods of achieving what they want.

Erik doesn't trust humans and thinks they need to be wiped away and I can kind of see his point. It's like Homo Sapiens, Neanderthals, or what have you It's like it's the next stage of evolution. And humans have made a bit of balls of it. We have, haven't we?

Brooding Roles

While promoting Cary Fukunaga's interpretation of the Charlotte Bronte classic Jane Eyre — Fassbender plays the smoldering Mr. Rochester — we got the Irish-German actor to spill a few details about the highly anticipated X-Men film.

▶ **Be on the look out** for our second piece with Fassbender about his role in Jane Eyre opposite Mia Wasikowska, which will be released on March 11th.

Scene in brief

Court records show Christina Aguilera and music executive Jordan Bratman have finalized their divorce. Most of the details of the couple's breakup were not filed with the court, but the judgment will not become official until April 15. Aguilera filed for divorce in October, just days after she and Bratman announced they had separated. It takes six months in California for a divorce to become official. They have a three-year-old son and have said he remains their top priority. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grammys reflect independent labels as artists win big in key categories

Jack Black lends name to new baby giant panda: Po

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▶ Jack Black, promoting Kung Fu Panda II, joins the naming ceremony for Zoo Atlanta's new panda.

Jack Black joined Zoo Atlanta at a naming ceremony for a three-month-old panda cub, the only one of the endangered species born in a U.S. zoo last year.

The zoo named the cub Po after the character voiced by Black in his upcoming animated sequel Kung Fu Panda 2.

Zoo officials say that in return for the name, Dreamworks donated money to the zoo to help with its panda conservation program. The zoo declined to say how much. The zoo pays China a $500,000-per-year lease to display the pandas.

Black posed for pictures with the 10-pound cub, which squawked and writhed in his keeper's hands.

The film, due out May 27, also stars Angelina Jolie and Jackie Chan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUROPE IS A GREAT LOCALE FOR THRILLERS

In Focus

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▶ Liam Neeson stars in Unknown, which opens this Friday.

A couple of years ago, Liam Neeson reintroduced North American audiences to the joys of the Euro-trashy-thriller. In Taken, he played a retired undercover agent who rips Paris apart searching for his kidnapped daughter. "I'll tear down the Eiffel Tower if I have to," he said. The French tourist attraction was left standing, but he laid waste to the rest of the city in the movie's wild action scenes.

Neeson is back this weekend in Unknown, another Euro-thriller that sees him cut a swath through Berlin trying to get to the bottom of a deadly mystery involving identity theft, shadowy assassins and, of course, European carnage.

Euro-thrillers are characterized not just by their exotic locations, beautiful stars and international intrigue but by an attitude. They are about glamour, style and over-the-top stories.

A catchy title is important. The 1967 Euro-heist flick 28 Minutes for 3 Million Dollars wasn't much of a movie, but the name was a grabber. Ditto Agent for H.A.R.M., an outlandish Euro-spy movie with a bad guy who bears an uncanny resemblance to Pee Wee Herman. More fun is an Italian sci-fi comedy caper called Kiss the Girls and Make them Die starring Mike Connors (later famous as detective Mannix on TV) in a James Bond rip-off that's almost as good as the real thing.

Then, what's a great Euro movie without a cool score? Movies like 1967's spy parody Kiss Kiss ... Bang Bang featured a playful loungetastic Bruno Nicolai score that sets the scene perfectly, and Ann Margaret's songs in Appointment in Beirut can only be described as kitschy-cool.

The next ingredient is a wild premise. It doesn't get much stranger than Bandaged, a German film about a deranged man who transplants the face of his late wife on his deformed daughter. Or how about LSD Inferno? In it the bad guy —a n inventively named Mister X — wants to dose everyone in the world with acid.

After that all that's needed is a great villain — like Adolfo Celi and his criminal organisation T.H.A.N.A.T.O.S. in OK Connery — and some gadgets — like Mission Bloody Mary's rooms that double as microwave ovens. Then top with hot leads like Matchless's Patrick O'Neal, who plays a secret agent who can turn invisible or Daniela Bianchi, the former Miss Rome who va-va-voomed her way through fifteen films, including From Russia with Love and you get a unique and fun night at the movies.

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Idol

Prove they can be just as blunt as Cowell **After 10 years, show still prompts plenty of passion**

If the American Idol formula of past seasons holds true, the show's emotional temperature is about to skyrocket as Hollywood Week auditions begin airing today.

It's one thing for contestants to be rejected in the nationwide tryouts before the celebrity judges have lifted them out of the crowd. It's another when, hopes raised and dreams in hand, they travel to Los Angeles and discover their gold ticket is a one-way pass to rejection.

The Hollywood Week auditions — which were taped recently in decidedly suburban Pasadena — whittled a field of 300-plus singers to 60 semifinalists. As contestants showed, the fervour to win American Idol still burns strong in the show's 10th year.

After one woman sang her heart out and was rejected, she begged the judges to reconsider. They refused. She left the stage and fell to her knees in the theatre aisle, weeping.

A camera followed closely to capture intimate footage of her despair, suitable for framing — or at least providing a few gripping on-air seconds as the Hollywood auditions air through this week and next Wednesday.

Former judge Simon Cowell can't be blamed for such meltdowns anymore. The reformulated panel of Jennifer Lopez, Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson proved they didn't need Cowell's scorched-earth policy to swiftly, and sometimes bluntly, cut the big field down to size.

"You took a good pop song and you beat it to death," Aerosmith frontman Tyler told four contestants who had joined for the group-performance segment at a Pasadena auditorium.

Lopez scolded a female foursome, saying, "We expected so much from you," before Tyler sent them all packing.

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▶ Idol host Ryan Seacrest with this year's judges: Jennifer Lopez, Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson

Gaga's next move: HBO

▶ Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga is bringing her spectacle to HBO.

The network said Tuesday that it is taping two Lady Gaga shows in New York's Madison Square Garden later this month for a concert special.

The document of Gaga's Monster Ball tour will be televised on May 7, two weeks before the singer is releasing a new disc.

HBO says that Lady Gaga, who was carried into the Grammys Sunday in a giant egg, will put on some brand new moves for the special.

Gaga's latest album The Fame Monster won three Grammys earlier this week.

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The Scotiabank International Movie Lovers Contest

Rapper Flavor Flav takes it back to school

Now that he's opened his first chicken restaurant in Iowa, rapper Flavor Flav would like to earn his high school diploma in the state and record his efforts for a new reality TV show.

Flav, whose real name is William Drayton Jr., grew up in Freeport, N.Y. He says he dropped out of school in 10th grade.

He opened Flav's Fried Chicken in Clinton, Iowa last month — his only connection to the Mississippi River town.

Last week the 51-year-old pitched his idea for Flavor Flav Goes Back to High School to the local school superintendent and a school board member. He says he'll approach the full board in a couple of weeks.

Flav was in '80s hip-hop group Public Enemy and has since found new fame on reality shows.

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▶ Miley and Billy Ray Cyrus.

Billy Ray Cyrus says the Disney TV show Hannah Montana destroyed his family, causing his divorce and sending daughter Miley Cyrus spinning out of control.

In a December interview published in the Feb. 22 issue of GQ Magazine, Cyrus said he wished the show that launched his daughter to pop stardom had never happened.

"I hate to say it, but yes, I do. Yeah. I'd take it back in a second," Cyrus said. "For my family to be here and just be everybody OK, safe and sound and happy and normal, would have been fantastic. Heck, yeah. I'd erase it all in a second if I could."

Cyrus and his wife, Tish, filed for divorce in October.

Billy Ray Cyrus said when he asked about the rumoured video footage of his daughter smoking from a bong at her 18th birthday party in December, he was told "it was none of my business." He initially refused to attend the party, saying "it was wrong" to have it in a bar.

Cyrus, a native of Flatwoods, Ky., had his own success as a country and gospel singer beginning in the early 1990s with his huge hit "Achy Breaky Heart."

He told the magazine that he is scared for his daughter and compared her current path to those of other stars whose lives ended tragically, including Kurt Cobain, Anna Nicole Smith and Michael Jackson.

He said the Cyruses and their six children were all baptized before leaving Tennessee for Los Angeles to inure themselves against evil and he believes Satan is attacking his family.

"It's the way it is," Cyrus said. "There has always been a battle between good and evil. Always will be. You think, 'This is a chance to make family entertainment, bring families together...' and look what it's turned into."

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TV Picks

Survive this

Survivor returns yet again with two familiar faces — Russell Hantz and Rob Mariano — and a twist. In this season, dubbed Survivor: Redemption Island, castaways that are voted out will be sent to another island. The last survivors on each island will face off for $1 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mind the criminals

A new Criminal Minds spinoff starring Forest Whitaker and Janeane Garofalo premieres. In the first episode of Criminal Minds: Suspect Behaviour, a team of investigators is called to Cleveland to investigate a series of child abductions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Martin Henderson goes Off the Map in Hawaii

He may have to argue to keep his shirt on, but he can keep his accent in the new series Off the Map

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New Zealand native Martin Henderson knew going in to starring in Off the Map, the latest series from Grey's Anatomy creator Shonda Rhimes, that he ran the risk of losing his shirt more often than not, but that didn't dissuade him from taking the gig. Henderson spoke with Metro about working in Hawaii, keeping his accent and arguing for more wardrobe.

How has shooting in Hawaii been?

I feel very blessed to be there. Who knows for how long? Hawaii offers for me a very unique balance between what I'm used to in New Zealand. It's America but with the Hawaiian culture and Hawaiian people, very similar to the Maori, and there's a lot of their sensibility and their spirit. I felt very at home there instantly. So I'm really happy. I'm learning to surf, which is the coolest thing and I recommend to everybody. I love it.

The show starts with the words, "Somewhere in South America." Why not choose a specific country?

I don't know the answer to that question. I don't know why they chose to make it generic. I initially thought it was in Peru only because there's ocean there and jungle. So it was coastal, and I figured maybe that was where they had set it. But the reason for keeping it general, I don't know.

Going into a Shonda Rhimes show, are you at all worried about how often you'll have to go without a shirt?

If you're a man, yeah. There's that element. To be honest, there's been one or two times where it's been suggested that maybe I would be shirtless in the scene, and I've managed to convince them through reasoning that that would not be logical. I think as long as the circumstances warrant it, then I think it's not gratuitous. I may lose that fight, though, every now and again.

With the increase of American shows shooting in Hawaii, is Hawaii becoming the new Canada?

If there was jungle in Canada, I bet we would be there. And I'm really glad there's no jungle in Canada. No offense to Canadians, but I'm very happy being in Hawaii.

There was talk of some other places they were doing budgets for and looking up in the lead-up to shooting, but Hawaii presented the best backdrop, and I think it's so naturally beautiful, almost as beautiful as New Zealand. And I did suggest we shoot it in New Zealand, quite seriously.

Were you excited that you got to keep your accent for the show?

I was. When I first met Shonda about the show, she said it would be shooting in Hawaii, which sounded good, but I really thought I wanted to be here in L.A. where my home was. Then she said, "You get to keep your own accent." I thought that was a done deal. She meant it, but I think the network wasn't so sure that a total New Zealand accent would work, just from being able to understand it.

So they did ask you to articulate?

Yeah. I pretty much talk in the show how I do in real life, which is quite American. In New Zealand, people think I've got an American accent, and in America, people think I've got a New Zealand accent, it's kind of a bit of both.

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▶ Martin Henderson stars in Off the Map, the latest series from the creator of Grey's Anatomy.

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Arcade Fire heads to Bonnaroo music fest

Fresh off Grammy win, Canadian band joins eclectic lineup

A reunited Buffalo Springfield will play its only festival date this year at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, joining Eminem, Arcade Fire, Widespread Panic, Lil Wayne, The Black Keys and Robert Plant in celebrating 10 years down on the farm.

Bonnaroo will be held June 9-12 in Manchester, Tenn., on the 700-acre farm it has called home since its debut in 2002, featuring four dozen jam band-leaning acts.

Bonnaroo shed the jam band label early on and has become one of the most eclectic summertime gatherings of its kind, drawing tens of thousands of revelers each year to rural central Tennessee.

This year's lineup is no different, veering wildly across genres. Eminem and Lil Wayne are two of today's top rap acts, Arcade Fire and The Black Keys led an alternative rock surge at Sunday's Grammy Awards, and Widespread Panic's Sunday headlining slot is a nod to that first lineup 10 years ago.

Throw in Loretta Lynn, The Strokes, Big Boi, Gregg Allman, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Florence + The Machine, String Cheese Incident and Mavis Staples, and the festival becomes a grab bag of styles.

Original Buffalo Springfield members Neil Young, Stephen Stills and Richie Furay played in public for the first time since 1968 last October at Young's annual Bridge School charity concert. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers were a short-lived act, but were among a handful of pioneers in the country- and folk-rock movements of the late 1960s.

They remain highly influential and there are several acts signed on to play the festival that are definitely under the influence of Buffalo Springfield, including Ray Lamontagne, My Morning Jacket, Mumford & Sons, The Decemberists and Ryan Bingham, among many others.

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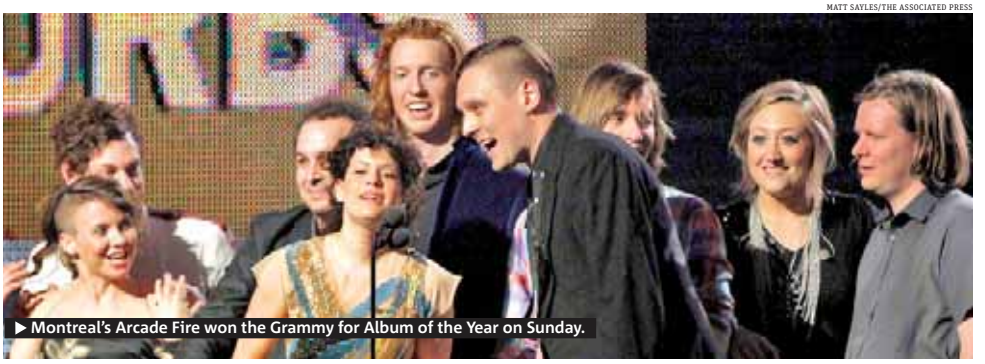
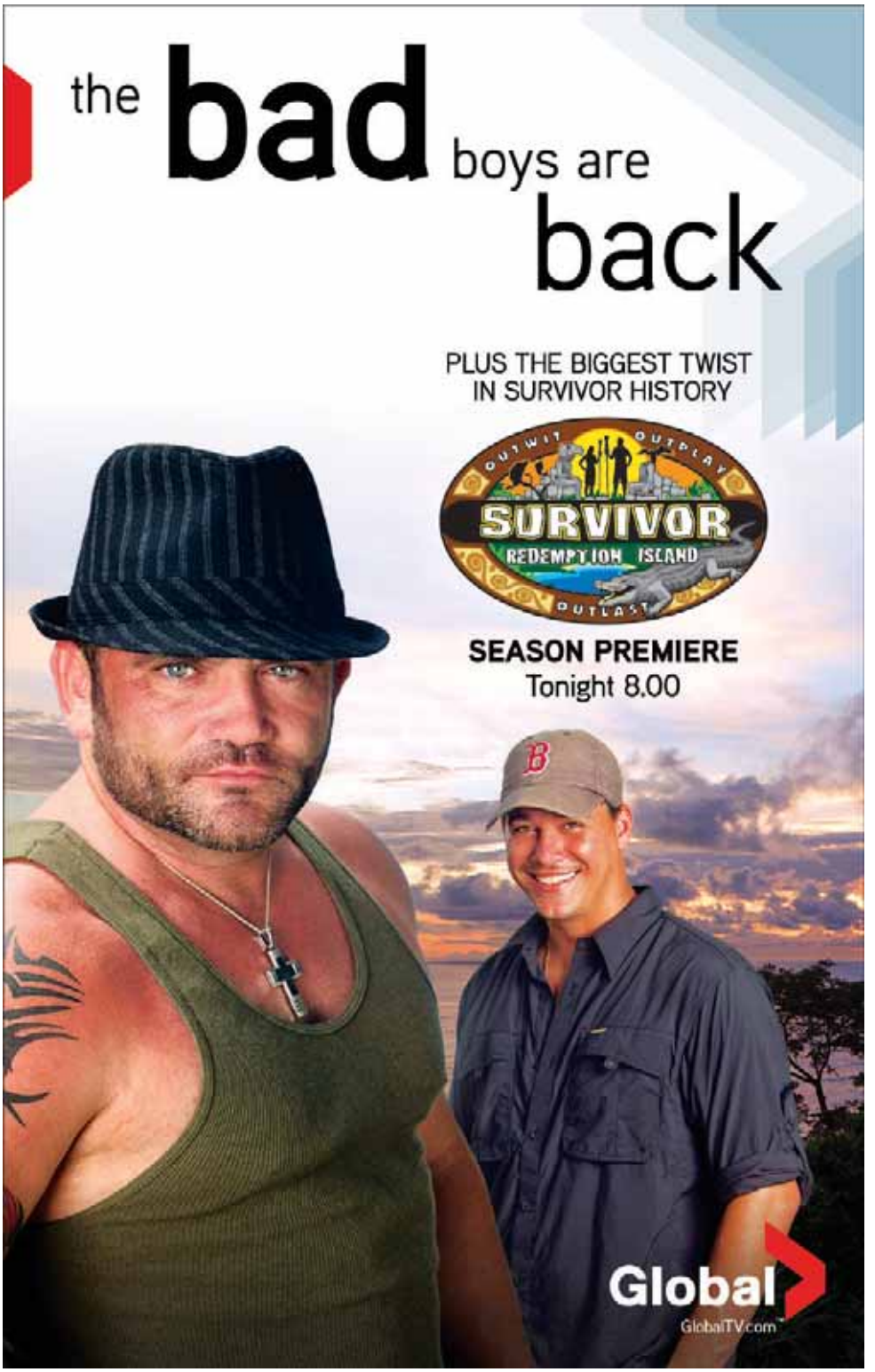


▶ Montreal's Arcade Fire won the Grammy for Album of the Year on Sunday.



40 is just fine

Aniston says the attention on her age is 'weird'

Jennifer Aniston isn't obsessed with her age, but she is bothered by other people's obsession with it. "All of a sudden you're labeled, you're a number," she tells Rachael Ray about being over 40. "It wasn't like 30-plus or 30-something. It's just that all of a sudden it's like, 'Wow for your age, not so bad.'" Aniston admits the focus on being over 40 hurts "a little bit" because "all of a sudden they're making it sound like life is coming very shortly to an end," she says. "It's weird."

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▶ Jennifer Aniston

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▶ Mila Kunis

Never again

While she's turned heads in Hollywood for her portrayal of a free-spirited ballerina in Black Swan, Mila Kunis says she'll probably never dance again after making the film. "I trained for four months, seven days a week, five hours a day. I had one day off on my birthday. I lost 20 pounds. I tore a ligament. I dislocated my shoulder," Kunis tells W magazine. "I have two scars on my back. And it was worth every minute. But I will never dance again."

The former That 70s Show star admits she underestimated the footwear required for ballet. "I was like, 'Well I wear heels; I can do this,'" she remembers. "I was wrong. Christian Louboutins are uncomfortable, but I screamed the first time I put on a pointe shoe."

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Taylor tired of hospital

While Elizabeth Taylor is expected to stay in the hospital for several more days following heart issues, fans shouldn't count her out, according to Popeater. "Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is the best hospital in the world, and knowing Elizabeth, she has no plans on leaving us any time soon," a friend of the actress says. "She's a fighter. She always has been, and I can assure you she can't wait to get home."

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▶ Elizabeth Taylor

Sean Penn: Haiti needs co-operation

Sean Penn is suggesting that efforts to help Haiti recover from last year's devastating earthquake are being hampered by a lack of co-operation and communication between aid groups.

The two-time Oscar winner co-founded the Jenkins-Penn Haiti Relief Organization in the wake of the Jan. 12, 2010, disaster and has personally taken part in projects on the Caribbean island.

Penn told reporters in Vienna Tuesday that "there's far too much duplication, far too little communication" between organizations and that there are "competing cultures in the international relief world."

He also said Haitians were still experiencing "enormous trauma" and that he's approached every day by people who, first and foremost, want jobs.

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Bachman's vinyl tales

The tales Randy Bachman tells on CBC-Radio's Vinyl Tap are coming to a bookstore near you.

Bachman, known for his work in the bands Bachman-Turner Overdrive and the Guess Who, has signed a deal with Penguin to publish Vinyl Tap Stories this fall.

Airing on CBC and Sirius Satellite Radio, Vinyl Tap has become a favourite among music fans who enjoy listening to Bachman's treasure trove of stories.

The show also features the musician noodling around on his guitar and offering tidbits about how great songs were written and why they work.

Bachman says the book will contain some of his favourite personal stories.

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Celebrity tweets

Elijah Wood [@woodelijah] The Super Mario Land end theme takes me back

Eva Longoria [@evalongoria] Working on set with Vanessa Williams!! (she's always drinking! haha just kidding)

Pink [@Pink] Jewel is gorgeous and it's unfair:)

Joan Rivers [@Joan_Rivers] Michelle Obama has not been invited to the Royal Wedding...yet. Just wait until she sends them the original 13 Colonies as a gift.

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Talking points

Keeping it friendly

While she filed for divorce last week, Ashlee Simpson is trying to keep her split from Pete Wentz as amicable as possible, according to People magazine. The couple even enjoyed a friendly Valentine's Day lunch with their two-year-old son, Bronx. "They just had a meal together with their son," a source says, dismissing suggestions that the couple is reconciling. "They're both focused on making this transition as easy as possible for him."

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Shia's mystery woman

While ex-girlfriend Carrie Mulligan has reportedly been romancing Jake Gyllenhaal, Shia LaBeouf has been spotted around L.A. with a new friend of his own, according to Us Weekly. The Transformers star strolled hand-in-hand with an unknown beauty over the week.

"Her name is Karolyn Pho," a source says of the young woman, who was also spotted out with LaBeouf in December. "She's a stylist."

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Family Day fun, indoors and out

We've found lots of ways to get the most out of the winter long weekend — and some of them are free

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All the latest research shows what most parents have known forever — kids, parents, everyone... are hardwired to connect. And, when we spend time together the results are positive: less risky behaviour, higher academic performance, happier kids and calmer parents. Here are great ideas for family fun.

Embrace the season at Albion Hills Conservation Area (trcaparks.ca; 905-880-4855) where you can cross-country ski, snowshoe and toboggan down their huge hill.

Rent skis and snowshoes (full day adults $20, kids $13, allows you to switch modes halfway; the trail is extra). Skating and tobogganing are free with admission (adults $6.50, kids free). There's a snack bar or bring your own lunch.

Book a sleigh ride for a couple of families. A team of Belgians hauls a flatbed wagon or sleigh through forests and fields.

Just east of Bronte Rd, Oakville's ridetheranch.com offers one hour sleigh rides; $10 adults, $7 kids, hot chocolate included, (minimum $120 booking, accommodates up to 20 people). Arrange for a campfire or BBQ afterwards.

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▶ Snowshoe for the fun of it.

Tubing is another fun winter sport... and it's free if you have your own tube (at Riverdale Park, Danforth and Broadview); otherwise, you can visit ski-Lakeridge.com, which is 45 minutes from the city. Rides start at $4 per person.

Try your hand at dog sledding near Flesherton, dogsledfarm.ca for 90 minute rides (adults $65/kids $45) or just north of Barrie windriftkennel.ca for half hour rides ($85 for two people) and half day rides ($250).

Come in from the cold at Nascar speedpark nascarspeedpark.com in Vaughn, for bowling, rock climbing, lazerquest, and paintball in addition to the race cars. $20-45 for the day.

Dress up in historic costume and tour Colborne Lodge in High Park — the Regency cottage was built in 1837. Open Fri. to Sun., noon to 4, adults $5, kids $3. One of four historic Toronto sites involved in family day activities (toronto.ca/familyday for a full list).

A ghost walk of downtown Toronto (muddyyorktours.com) is guaranteed to make a bigger impression than the history teacher. Adults $20 per, or $10 each for 4 or more.

Prefer the beach? Hit the wave pool in Richmond Hill with 160-foot water slide; adults $8.50, kids $5; wave swims Sat/Sun afternoons, but see site for exact times wave.sites.toronto.com; 905-508-9283.

Laugh it up at Second City's new play, The Absolutely Positively Completely Made Up Show. It runs thru family day weekend (secondcity.com). Individual tickets $12, family 4-packs $40.

Shop till you drop (teen girls and their moms will love this) at Toronto outlets Dixie, Heartland, Colussus and Vaughan Mills, plus the city's best kept secret, Five on Spadina, (shoppingaddicts.ca).

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▶ Tubing is free — if you have your own tube.

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▶ The perfect winter adventure — dog sledding.

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For more information, visit casaloma.org.

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Ontario Science Centre

The Ontario Science Centre is home to hundreds of amazing sights and sounds in nine exhibition halls, such as the Challenge Zone where you use your creativity to come up with real world solutions for Mars-themed challenges.

With plenty of activities for kids and teens, including watching movies in the IMAX theatre and checking out planetarium shows, the Ontario Science Centre is the perfect place for a day of fun learning.

For more information, visit ontariosciencecentre.ca.

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The Art Gallery of Ontario is prepared to greet visitors on Family Day with a Family Activity Bag. It also promises gallery fun for the whole family.

Do it yourself guided tours, a trip around Canada and a mission to collect art trading cards are among the featured activities.

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The ROM is located at 100 Queen's Park. For more details, visit rom.on.ca.

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Harbour Front Centre
Family Day along the waterfront is another option and Harbourfront Centre, along with Queens Quay Terminal and PassWay has a full day of events planned for families that want to spend a day together outdoors.

Events and activities include dog sport demos, bouncy tents, arts and crafts, magicians and live music. There will be a Family Skating Party, so don't forget your blades.

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▶ During Family Day, the TIFF Lightbox will offer a variety of activities.

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Toronto International Film Festival, the launching pad for many breakout films on the international, Canadian and Hollywood scenes, is offering two free days of programming.

This is a great way to explore everything the TIFF Lightbox has to offer.

Family Day will feature screenings, activities, exhibitions, concerts and events — all for free.

Eleven films will be available, including three Tim Burton classics — Alice in Wonderland, James and the Giant Peach and Nightmare Before Christmas.

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• Have a magical nature moment by bundling up and walking through a snowstorm. Sit on the porch watching the birds come to your bird feeder.

• Host a PJ party with sleeping bags, popcorn, s'mores, board games and classic movies. If it's an all female household, add spa activities — facials and mani-pedi's — or make delicious cookies.

• Head to the Hockey Hall of Fame on Feb. 21 when it's free for kids all day. Check out hhof.com.

• The PATH — 27 km of underground tunnels linking office towers, shops and historical buildings (toronto.ca/path) — is perfect for a scavenger hunt, using iPods, phones or cameras to photograph what's on the list.

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New Orleans looks to return to its former glory with a later than normal Mardi Gras season ◗ Students are expected to descend on city and boost tourist numbers that have been down since Hurricane Katrina

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Mardi Gras in New Orleans

Alexa Von Staden and her fiancée had just one thought when it came to spring break this year: Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

"We figured it was now or never," said Von Staden, who recently completed her master's at the University of Florida. "Because Mardi Gras is so late this year that it matches up with spring break. Who knows when that will happen again?"

Mardi Gras is March 8. The next time it will be this late is in 2038, when it falls on March 9.

New Orleans tourism officials, who have begun an advertising campaign to attract younger visitors, believe the happy convergence will give them a boost over Mardi Gras 2010, which was the biggest since hurricane Katrina hit in 2005.

A study done for the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau said the city was not getting its share of 18- to 34-year-old visitors, despite its reputation as a party town. New advertising campaigns are being geared to that demographic, said bureau spokeswoman Kelly Schulz.

"I was kind of surprised by it," Schulz said. "We are family friendly, but we also think people should see more of our night life."

The campaign, with the theme "New Orleans, you're different here," puts further emphasis on the city's food, music and night life.

At Mardi Gras, the party takes to the streets, packing the parade routes in many areas, and turning Bourbon Street into a raucous, X-rated celebration for the young and free-spirited.

"All I know is we'll be cleaning up a lot of beads and drink cups all Mardi Gras long."
EARL BERNHARDT, OWNER OF FIVE FRENCH QUARTER BARS

Certainly those in the hospitality business are expecting a nice bump, even above last Mardi Gras when the New Orleans Saints' Super Bowl victory was helping to draw people to the city.

"This year we are about 30 to 35 per cent ahead of the pace compared to last year and we had a very good year last year," said Gil Zanchi, general manager for the New Orleans Marriott and the five other Marriott hotels in the city.

Students looking for spring break adventures can't be credited for all the boost in room bookings, said Diana K. Schwam, who wrote the Frommer's New Orleans guide book.

"A lot of them stay with family or friends, or they crash 40 to a room, you remember those days," she said.

Mardi Gras has a lot of cachet for college students, but the later date will draw other celebrants as well, assuring visitors of good weather. And because it falls more than two months after Christmas, "people have paid off some of those bills and have more money to spend," Schwam said.

"I think New Orleans will get some spring breakers, certainly," said Bill Miller, a senior vice president of CheapOair. "But with the millions of kids who head out for that period, there won't be a substantial swing from Cancun," the Mexican beach resort that remains the No. 1 international destination for spring break.

College students who show up on Bourbon Street can look forward to round-the-clock partying, according to Earl Bernhardt, owner of five French Quarter bars, including one that sports the biggest balcony on Bourbon Street.

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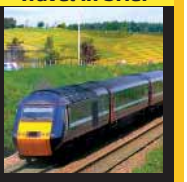
Travel in brief



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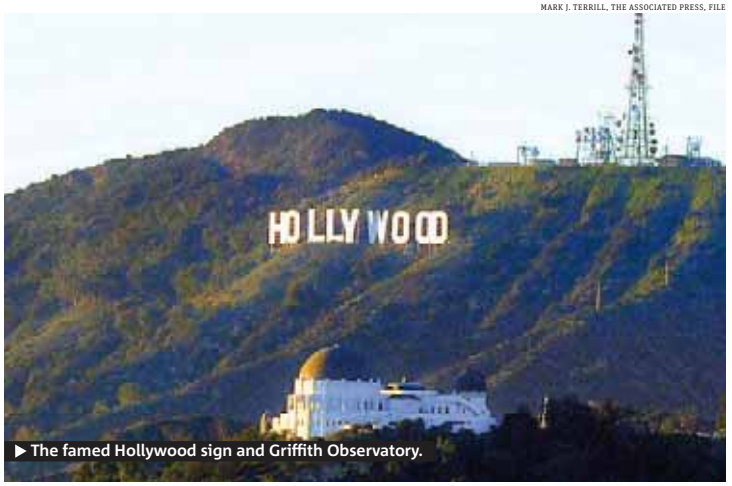

▶ The famed Hollywood sign and Griffith Observatory.

▶ The Griffith Observatory, a scene from Rebel Without a Cause, was filmed here.

Hiking the trails of the Hollywood Hills

Beauty in Los Angeles isn't restricted to the stars ◗ Hollywood has plenty of natural wonders for visitors to see

You can see the stars all dressed up on the red carpet at the Oscars. But if you want to see them in their sweats, head to the Hollywood Hills — from Runyon Canyon to the west, to Bronson Canyon in Griffith Park, with its 85 kilometres of paths, to the east.

Jennifer Aniston, Sheryl Crow and other celebrities have been spotted on some of the trails, particularly in Runyon, but regular, nature-loving folks flock to the trails on a regular basis as well.

And while the rest of the country suffers through snow, sleet and freezing winter weather, Los Angeles offers bright sun year-round, so the hills that stretch and swerve away from the city's concrete, cars and grime can be explored during any season.

Runyon Canyon Park:

The Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks designated 36 of the 65 hectares off-leash for dogs, says Kevin Regan, the department's assistant general manager, and the area is now enormously popular among dog-lovers — including celebrities like Jessica Biel, who was photographed hiking its five-kilometre round-trip loop with her two pooches.

The top peak boasts vast views of Hollywood, including the Capitol Records building to the east, below. "You can experience a getaway that's close to home," says Regan. "That's the allure of any great urban park, that you leave the hustle and bustle of the city to get centred again before you go back."

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▶ The view from behind the Hollywood sign.

Griffith Observatory:

It's a roughly four-kilometre round-trip trek to the Griffith Observatory, the 75-year-old domed L.A. landmark perched on the hillside of Griffith Park, and back from the base of the trail in the Fern Dell picnic area located off Fern Dell Drive, in the neighbourhood of Los Feliz, just east of Hollywood.

Hiking in Griffith means seeing more animals than any Angeleno is used to. This includes coyotes, rabbits, gophers, squirrels, deer and the occasional French bulldog.

"Don't feed them. The coyote is interested in observing you and will mostly not invade your space," says Albert Torres, a park ranger.

The observatory appears in Rebel Without a Cause. A bust of actor James Dean is located on the observatory grounds.

Bronson Canyon and the Hollywood Sign

On the southwestern flank of Griffith Park, Bronson Canyon is best known for its famous "Batcave," where the Batman television series used to film in the '60s, and opens up into gorgeous hikes near the Hollywood sign.

To see the short hillside tunnel, drive north up Bronson Avenue, off Franklin Avenue, until it curves into Canyon Drive and ends at a dirt trail and parking lot. Hike above the lot, take a quick right and go up about half a kilometre. Hiking straight from the lot leads to a snaking path to the Hollywood sign. The immediate area surrounding the sign is restricted and monitored by surveillance cameras and motion detectors. Any hiker needs to be aware of high temperatures, especially in L.A., so pack water.

A shorter five-kilometre round-trip hiking path to and from the Hollywood sign starts in the hills of nearby Beachwood Canyon. You'll end up above the sign, able to see the large, looming letters from behind, plus a sweeping view of L.A., from sparkling Lake Hollywood to the west to the Griffith Observatory to the east.

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GRAND BAHAMA HAS MUCH TO EXPERIENCE – AND A HISTORY FOUNDED ON THE FREEDOM TO EXPLORE.

There is much to see, and much to do. Grand Bahama runs some 155 km east to west; 27 km at its widest point and is the Bahamian island closest to the United States—a mere 86 km east of the Florida coast. Today, its population of 50,000 enjoys life in a democratic nation, blessed with a blazing sun, endless stretches of beach, exquisite marine vistas, and temperatures averaging 22 to 24 degrees Celsius at the coolest. Not bad.

You won't be surprised to learn that Grand Bahama welcomes over half a million tourists every year, offering them a paradise few other destinations can match. Grand Bahama has one of the world's largest underwater cave systems, complimenting an array of water-sport opportunities, including snorkeling, scuba diving, boating, and bone fishing. For the terrestrial-minded, there's tennis, horseback riding, cricket, and more. The island's International Bazaar offers a complex of shops and restaurants, while the merchants of the Bahamas Arts & Crafts Straw Market sell jewellery, paintings and handicrafts made of straw and wood.

If touring's your idea of a great getaway, go ahead and explore Grand Bahama. Take the island's Heritage Trail: a leisurely, 8-km stroll introducing you to colourful flora and fauna of many kinds; then visit the Rand Nature Centre, a national park and sanctuary famous for its flock of West Indian flamingos, the Bahamian national bird. These sights and sounds will nourish your spirit, and when you're ready for nourishment of a more literal variety, pay a visit to Sunset Village, the place to be for Bahamian cuisine, including a Thursday night fish fry.

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Trails in New Brunswick offer exercise and nature's beauty Snowshoeing's popularity on the rise

It was a brisk sunny day in early February when we set out for a trek through rural New Brunswick, the branches of the fir and maple trees around us heavy with snow from a storm the night before.

The trip would have been impossible on foot, if not for the snowshoes strapped to our boots.

The awkward feeling of walking with oval hoops of aluminum and rubber on my feet disappeared quickly. Soon I was keeping up with people who have been snowshoeing for years.

Until this trip, my only experience with snowshoeing was a memory of an old pair of large, wooden snowshoes that hung in my parents' basement.

But there has been a steady increase in the popularity of snowshoeing in New Brunswick in the last few years, with provincial parks and private operators offering rentals and scenic, groomed trails.

"I'm hearing more and more that there are snowshoeing clubs popping up around the province," said Trevor Holder, New Brunswick's Tourism Minister.

"We've got a great trail system in this province and this is an example of one of the things that you can do on the trail system."

The Elmhurst Outdoors, a family-run facility east of Saint John near Hampton, N.B., offers a variety of activities, including cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

They offer a beautiful lodge and a well-stocked rental centre with all you'll need to snowshoe or ski.

"A trail pass is $6 and that lets you snowshoe or ski, and rentals are $6 as well," said Gig Keirstead, who owns the business along with his wife Denise

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with snowshoes

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▶ Gig Keirstead, co-owner of Elmhurst Outdoors in Erbs Cove, N.B., selects a pair of snowshoes for rent.

Howlett.

He said snowshoeing has caught up to cross-country skiing in popularity.

"I think it's because of the simplicity of it. You just get a pair of snowshoes and go out. The skills aren't that great so most people can do it. We see a lot of people here who wouldn't try the skiing but do the snowshoeing and seem to like it a lot."

Keirstead believes the jump in popularity is because of the development of modern snowshoes. No longer are they the large wooden, tear-shaped snowshoe of the past that were difficult to lace to your boot and awkward to use.

"The new ones are smaller, are aluminum, have synthetic webbing and the bindings go on in two seconds and don't come off … I really like them," said Mike Mesheau of Burton, N.B.

The Trans-Canada Trail system and any of the municipal and provincial parks in New Brunswick are other options.

At Sugarloaf Provincial Park in Campbellton, on the north coast of the province, there's no charge to use the snowshoeing trails.

"We have three designated trails covering about 10 kilometres, one of which goes around a lake, so you get some pretty nice scenery," said Greg Dion, park manager. "It's a great sport and it's fun," he said. "The scenery is unreal in the wintertime … it's magical out there." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Mike Mesheau of Burton, N.B., and Jim Gatien of Grand Bay, N.B., enjoy a snowshoeing hike. Tourism officials say snowshoeing in New Brunswick is increasing in popularity.

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Kale soup with a twist

This soup has a rich broth full of sausage, potatoes and greens that add fibre and a hearty taste that can be enjoyed after a long day in the cold.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lb (500 g) fresh chorizo, Italian, farmer's or chicken sausages
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 each carrot and stalk celery, chopped
- 4 Yukon Gold potatoes, (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g) peeled and chopped
- 1 small bunch kale, tough ribs removed
- Half bunch Swiss chard, trimmed
- 10 cups (2.5 L) low sodium beef stock

Preparation:

1. In soup pot, heat oil over medium high heat and brown sausages on all sides. Remove to cutting board and cut into slices and return to pot. Add onions, carrot, celery and garlic and cook, stirring for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add potatoes and stock. Bring to boil, cover and reduce heat and simmer for about 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender when pierced with fork.
2. Meanwhile, chop kale and Swiss chard to make about 12 cups (3 L) of lightly packed greens. Add to sausage mixture and simmer uncovered for about 15 minutes or until greens are tender.

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Where sausage & squash mingle in a tasty risotto

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With this risotto recipe, you can look for different types of sausages to vary up the flavour.

I used a mild Italian, but spicy will give you more kick and honey garlic will sweeten it up.

Ingredients:

- 3 fresh mild Italian sausages, about 8 oz/250 g
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) Arborio rice
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) diced squash or sweet potato
- ½ cup (125 mL) white wine
- 4 ½ cups (1.25 L) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 1 cup (250 mL) freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh basil

Preparation:

1. Remove casings from sausages and discard. Crumble sausage meat into large shallow saucepan and cook sausage, stirring constantly over medium high heat for about 5 minutes or until browned and no longer pink. Remove to bowl.
2. Add oil to saucepan and return to medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring for about 3 minutes. Stir in rice to coat. Add squash and cook, stirring for 1 minute to coat well. Add wine and cook, stirring until wine evaporates.
3. Stir in 1 cup (250 mL) of the broth and cook, stirring until almost all of the liquid evaporates. Cook, stirring and adding more of the broth, about 1 cup (250 mL) at a time for about 20 minutes or until rice is tender but firm.
4. Return sausage to saucepan along with remaining broth and cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until sausage is heated. Stir in cheese and basil until melted and serve in shallow bowls.

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Yields: 4 - 6
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cooking: 20 minutes

If you want to skip the wine in this recipe, just replace it with an equal amount of broth.

Cooking Tips

- You do not have to stir the risotto constantly, occasionally will do.
- Add your favourite flavours to risotto. Sautéed mushrooms, roasted red peppers, leftover cooked chicken, pork or seafood are great additions.

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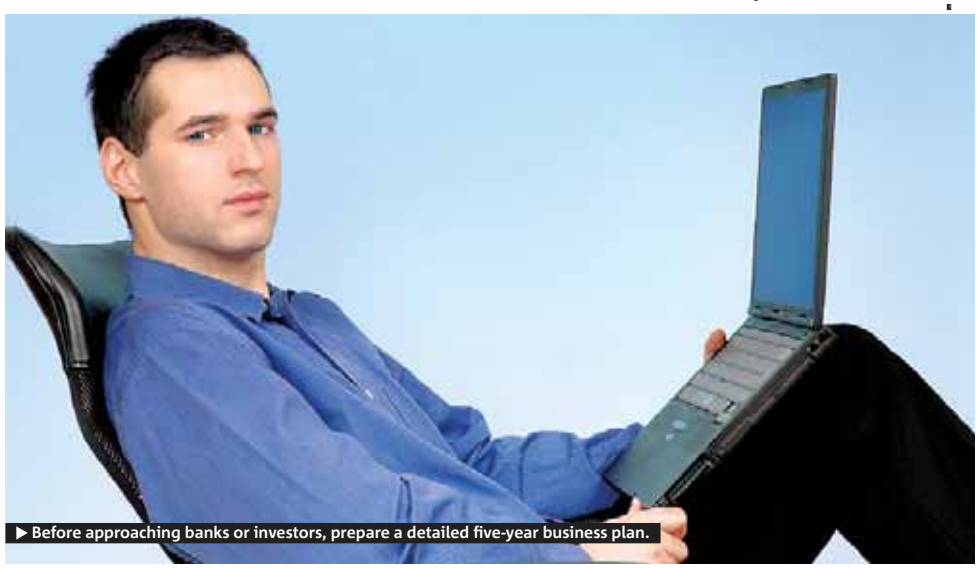
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JUMPING SHIP? CONSIDER THIS

Thinking of jumping ship to the competition? Or are you dreaming of developing a rival firm? You'd better think twice before taking your clients with you.

Having made the decision to jump to a competitor, Paul Brownlee thought he could solicit his old clients to join him. But his former employer, Phoenix Restorations Ltd., felt otherwise.

Brownlee had signed three employment contracts with Phoenix providing that, for two years after his departure, he would not compete with the company or solicit its clients.

Despite the contracts, once Brownlee left Phoenix he visited two of its major clients on behalf of his new employer in an effort to solicit them. After learning of this, Phoenix applied for an interim court order seeking to prohibit Brownlee from working for a competitor and from soliciting Phoenix's customers.

In assessing whether to uphold a contract limiting post-employment competition, a court must first determine if that agreement is reasonable and fair.

According to the B.C. judge who recently heard this case, Phoenix's contracts with Brownlee were unenforceable. The contractual clauses limiting competition and solicitation were too broad and captured business that Phoenix did not compete for. In the court's view, placing such restraints on Brownlee was unfair.

This case demonstrates how far Canadian courts may go to overturn what is perceived to be an unfair limit on competition.

The key is often whether or not a contract will be upheld. Upon departing, employees should consider the following:

- Does your contract limit solicitation and/or competition? Such clauses are commonplace in today's employment contracts — and are increasingly being enforced.
- In addition to contractual obligations, all employees have implied duties of good faith and fidelity toward their employers, which prohibit taking confidential client information to use in competition against a former employer.
- Employees entrusted with control over the business or even key aspects of it may be viewed as fiduciaries who are required to act in the company's best interest long after their departure.

How to boost your bottom line

Like most other small and medium-sized businesses, you're no doubt using email and other web-based tools to keep in touch with clients and suppliers, as well as run your operation. But are you doing everything you can to leverage technology? Here's how:

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- Use purchasing and restocking software to manage your supply chain.
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Help your kids learn to read

▶ Research suggests that children learn to read in different ways.

Researchers have identified several factors that help children develop reading skills But it's important that children read things they enjoy

The foundation of language and literacy skills is laid during early childhood, so early learning is important to lifelong development.

Researchers have identified some of the most important factors that help children learn to read.

While there are some definite skills children need to develop, it is also vital that children read things they enjoy, and enjoy what they read.

• Phonemic awareness: Helps the child to hear, identify and manipulate individual sounds (or phonemes) into words (for example, /g/ = get and /u/ =too).

• Fluency instruction: Reading accurately and quickly can be assisted by modeling fluency (reading aloud to children), providing books at the child's level, repeated oral reading, increasing practice through audiotapes, tutors and peer guidance.

• Vocabulary: Ways to teach vocabulary include teaching specific words before reading, providing activities involving those words (mental images or acting out definitions), repeating vocabulary in different contexts and learning high-frequency words.

• Text comprehension: Strategies to help children understand what they are reading include reading comprehension questions, understanding the story structure (such as plot and setting), summarizing, reflecting on prior knowledge to make connections, and using graphic organizers (such as bubble charts) to organize thinking.

• Motivation: Children are motivated to read if they find the text interesting and have background knowledge on the topic. Young children are often drawn to illustrations, graphics and display features. Praise and recognition may also be motivating.

Research suggests that children learn to read in different ways. There is recent evidence that computer technology is an effective tool in teaching reading. An effective parent-teacher partnership can lead to better learning for children.

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More info

There are plenty of online resources on how children learn to read.

For more information on the research references that inform this issue, as well as information on doing homework, visit cea-ace.ca/facts-on-education.

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4 sports

Kessel ends slump in style

Former Bruin answers Boston crowd's boos with two goals, ending a 14-game scoring drought Grabovski also had two, including winner

ELISE AMENDOLA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

James Reimer keeps the puck out of the net as Boston's Gregory Campbell tries to get a stick on it.

Mikhail Grabovski scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:01 remaining in regulation and the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied for a 4-3 win over the Boston Bruins last night.

Grabovski and former Bruin Phil Kessel both finished with two goals for Toronto, which fell behind 3-2 on Patrice Bergeron's 20th goal of the season with 10:52 to play.

Kessel's second goal of the game tied it with 6:33 left. Grabovski's game-winner extended Boston's losing streak to three straight.

Joffrey Lupul had two assists, his first points with Toronto after last week's trade with Anaheim, and James Reimer finished with 32 saves.

4	3
LEAFS	BRUINS

Tim Thomas stopped 24 shots for the Bruins, who have allowed 20 goals in their last four games. Gregory Campbell and Daniel Paille also scored for the Bruins.

Boston continued to struggle in its final home appearance before a six-game road trip.

The Bruins have lost four of five. They were sloppy through the first two periods, then again in the final 10 minutes as Toronto came from behind and left the Bruins stunned.

Kessel, still unpopular in Boston for holding out until he was traded in 2009, was booed throughout the night.

He jumped on a turnover by Zdeno Chara at the blue line, got around Andrew Ference for a mini-breakaway and faked out Thomas with a forehand shot to tie the game with 6:33 remaining.

The game appeared headed for overtime until Grabovski, who was dazed by Chara on a head-first hit into the boards in the first period, took a pass from Clarke MacArthur and beat Thomas.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another trade

Maple Leafs GM Brian Burke continues to wheel and deal, acquiring forward Aaron Voros from Anaheim yesterday for a conditional seventh-round pick in 2011.

Raptors preview

Heat at Raptors
7 p.m.
TV: TSN2
Radio: FAN 590

Miami has been hot since mid-January, with its loss to Boston Sunday ending an eight-game winning streak. The Heat have beaten the Raptors twice already this season in Miami — 109-100 and 120-103.

The Raptors (15-40) have won just twice in their past 18 games, Sunday's victory over the L.A. Clippers ending a three-game skid. But Toronto should be fired up for Chris Bosh's first visit to the Air Canada Centre since the former Raptor fled for Miami.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bosh stays calm ahead of return to Toronto

Chris Bosh has always had a little bit of easy come, easy go in him, an ability to shake things off, a knack for putting bad things immediately behind him, a way of looking for the positive whenever possible.

Nothing seemed to faze him much in seven years with the Raptors, and so his return to Toronto tonight doesn't have him too worked up, either.

"I'm not stressed," Bosh said yesterday of his impending return with the Miami Heat.

"At the end of the day, it's a game and when I get out there, that's going to take over. I don't stress about too many things. It is what it is and whatever will be, will be."

Clichés and old song lyrics aside, Bosh has taken an entirely low-key approach to his first game back in Toronto after bolting from the Raptors last July.

In a wide-ranging interview at Conseco Fieldhouse after shootaround, Bosh left the impression that he would much prefer to be welcomed back cordially, but he knows that's not going to happen.

"Yeah, I'd like to be liked, but at the end of the day I'm on another team," he said.

"I would like to (be warmly welcomed), yeah, that's like a fairytale ending or beginning or whatever, but that might not be the case."

Bosh is at peace with the decision he made, and while he says he still feels an affinity for Toronto, the franchise and friends he made, he has no regrets.

"There's no good way to separate sometimes or move on, but you just have to put the past behind you," he said.

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FRANCHISE TAG

Colts slap tag on Manning

Four-time league MVP Peyton Manning has been given the exclusive franchise tag by the Indianapolis Colts, meaning he will not become a free agent.

A source requesting anonymity confirmed the move to The Associated Press last night.

If Manning plays under the tag, he will be paid $23 million US next season and the Colts will have exclusive rights to negotiate with their franchise quarterback.

Manning is the only player in NFL history to win four league MVP awards. He also has won two AFC championships, one Super Bowl and a Super Bowl MVP, and he has broken all the Colts' career records for quarterbacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crew wins lottery for player

The Columbus Crew have won a weighted lottery for Major League Soccer rights to 19-year-old American defender Korey Veeder.

Columbus (19.31 per cent) had the third-best chance of winning the lottery behind Toronto (45.52 per cent) and Seattle (24.83 per cent).

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shell staying with Argos

Lin-J Shell is staying put.

The veteran import defensive back signed a contract extension through the 2013 season with the Toronto Argonauts yesterday.

Shell has spent the last three seasons with Toronto and was an East Division all-star in 2010.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

La Russa: Players' union pushing Pujols

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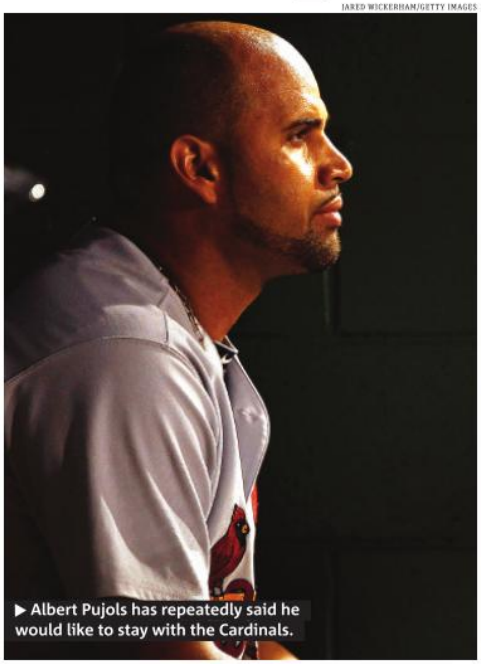

▶ Albert Pujols has repeatedly said he would like to stay with the Cardinals.

Cards manager says he thinks star is being pushed to 'set the bar'

"I've had a number of players over the years that have looked at money first and regretted it later."
TONY LA RUSSA

St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa says first baseman Albert Pujols and his representatives are being pressured by the players' union during contract negotiations.

Pujols is eligible to become a free agent after the World Series and has set a noon ET deadline for today to reach agreement on a new deal.

Pujols has vowed to cut off negotiations once he arrives at spring training, maybe by today. La Russa said yesterday he thinks the three-time NL MVP is being pushed to set a new standard with his contract, and said that's unfair to the player.

Alex Rodriguez's $275-million US, 10-year deal with the Yankees is baseball's current high.

"I know what he's going through with the union and to some extent his representatives because his representatives are getting beat up by the union," La Russa said. "Set the bar, set the bar. You've got to deal with it. It's not the way it should be."

Pujols has played his entire 10-season career with the Cardinals.

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d-Philadelphia	55	36	14	2	3	182	139	77	19-8-0-2	17-6-2-1	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Tampa Bay	56	34	17	3	2	172	172	73	19-6-1-1	15-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Boston	57	31	19	2	5	175	139	69	15-12-1-2	16-7-1-3	4-6-0-0	L3
Pittsburgh	58	35	19	2	2	173	141	74	20-10-1-0	15-9-1-2	6-4-0-0	L2
Montreal	57	31	20	4	2	151	143	68	19-7-3-2	12-13-1-0	5-3-0-2	W1
Washington	57	29	18	5	5	153	143	68	17-7-2-5	12-11-3-0	4-4-0-2	L3
NY Rangers	58	30	24	2	2	162	144	64	13-12-1-2	17-12-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	57	27	22	4	4	168	175	62	14-9-1-1	13-13-3-3	4-4-2-0	W1
Atlanta	58	25	23	4	6	167	188	60	13-12-1-4	12-11-3-2	2-5-1-2	L1
Buffalo	54	26	22	6	0	161	162	58	12-12-2-0	14-10-4-0	7-2-0-1	L1
Florida	55	24	24	3	4	146	148	55	12-9-3-3	12-15-0-1	3-4-1-2	W1
Toronto	57	24	27	3	3	148	177	54	13-11-3-2	11-16-0-1	5-4-1-0	W1
New Jersey	56	22	30	3	1	120	158	48	12-13-2-1	10-17-0-1	8-1-1-0	W4
NY Islanders	56	20	29	3	4	151	186	47	10-13-1-3	10-16-2-1	5-5-0-0	W3
Ottawa	56	18	30	5	3	126	186	44	9-15-2-2	9-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	57	36	12	4	5	192	136	81	20-4-1-4	16-8-3-1	7-2-0-1	L1
d-Detroit	56	34	16	4	2	187	163	74	17-8-3-1	17-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	W2
d-Phoenix	58	30	19	6	3	165	162	69	14-10-3-2	16-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W5
Dallas	56	31	19	2	4	159	158	68	17-8-2-3	14-11-0-1	3-6-1-0	L1
Anaheim	57	32	21	2	2	159	157	68	17-8-0-1	15-13-2-1	8-2-0-0	W4
Nashville	56	30	19	4	3	150	133	67	13-5-3-3	17-14-1-0	5-4-0-1	W2
San Jose	57	30	21	4	2	158	151	66	13-10-2-1	17-11-2-1	7-2-0-1	L2
Calgary	59	29	22	3	5	177	173	66	16-9-1-2	13-13-2-3	7-1-1-1	W1
Minnesota	55	30	20	1	4	146	145	65	14-11-0-2	16-9-1-2	8-2-0-0	W3
Los Angeles	56	31	22	2	1	156	132	65	17-9-1-0	14-13-1-1	7-1-1-1	W2
Chicago	56	28	22	2	4	177	158	62	16-13-0-0	12-9-3-3	4-4-1-1	L2
Columbus	56	28	23	3	2	152	168	61	14-13-0-1	14-10-3-1	7-3-0-0	W2
St. Louis	55	25	21	4	5	148	164	59	17-8-1-3	8-13-3-2	3-4-2-1	W1
Colorado	57	25	26	6	0	171	195	56	14-14-3-0	11-12-3-0	1-9-0-0	L8
Edmonton	56	16	32	1	7	137	193	40	7-17-1-3	9-15-1-3	2-7-0-1	L3

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Last night's results
Toronto 4 Boston 3
Buffalo at Montreal
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay
San Jose at Nashville
Vancouver at Minnesota
Dallas at Edmonton
Monday's results
Calgary 9 Colorado 1
St. Louis 3 Vancouver 2
Phoenix 3 Washington 2
Tonight's games
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Washington at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 4, BRUINS 3

BOSTON
First Period
1. Boston, Paille 2 (Stuart, Campbell) 8:04
2. Toronto, Kessel 20 (Phaneuf, Lupul) 17:22 (pp)
Penalties — Krejci Bos (hooking) 15:18, Chara Bos (boarding) 17:17.
Second Period
3. Toronto, Grabovski 23 (Komisarek, Gunnarsson) 4:35
4. Boston, Campbell 8 (Marchand, Ryder) 18:34 (pp)
Penalties — Phaneuf Tor (slashing) 8:37, Aulie Tor (interference) 12:26, Grabovski Tor (high-sticking) 16:44.
Third Period
5. Boston, Bergeron 20 (McQuaid, Recchi) 9:08
6. Toronto, Kessel 21 (Lupul, Kaberle) 13:27 (pp)
7. Toronto, Grabovski 24 (MacArthur, Phaneuf) 18:59
Penalties — Seidenberg Bos (cross-checking) 13:09, Aulie Tor (hooking) 14:14.
Shots

Toronto	12	7	9—28
Boston	14	11	10—35

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (W,7-4-1); Boston: Thomas (L,26-8-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 2-3; Boston: 1-4.
Referees — Chris Rooney, Wes McCauley.
Linesmen — Michel Cormier, Pierre Champoux.
Attendance — 17,565 (17,565).

MONDAY

BLUES 3, CANUCKS 2

First Period
1. St. Louis, McDonald 10 (Nikitin, Pietrangelo) 5:10 (pp)
2. Vancouver, H.Sedin 13 (Salo, Burrows) 10:15
3. St. Louis, Steen 16, 12:17
Penalty — Ehrhoff Vcr (hooking) 5:01.
Second Period
4. St. Louis, Berglund 15 (Pietrangelo, McDonald) 17:29 (pp)
Penalties — Burrows Vcr (interference) 0:29, Bieksa Vcr (slashing) 6:17, Backes StL (roughing) 11:12, Bieksa Vcr (delay of game) 16:09, Rome Vcr (holding) 18:44.
Third Period
5. Vancouver, Hansen 7 (Torres, Ehrhoff) 1:47
Penalties — None.
Shots

Vancouver	6	8	11—25
St. Louis	11	14	9—34

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (L,27-9-7); St. Louis: Halak (W,19-17-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-1; St. Louis: 2-5.
Referees — Tim Peel, Mike Leggo.
Linesmen — Ryan Galloway, Darren Gibbs.
Att. — 19,150 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

FLAMES 9, AVALANCHE 1

First Period
1. Calgary, Moss 13 (Regehr, Jokinen) 0:18
2. Calgary, Babchuk 8 (Bouwmeester, Jokinen) 5:57 (pp)
3. Calgary, Iginla 24 (Bourque, Morrison) 11:14
4. Calgary, Glencross 18 (Jokinen, Moss) 12:41
5. Calgary, Jokinen 12 (Glencross, Moss) 17:01
Penalties — McLeod Col (tripping) 0:56, Colorado bench (too many men; served by Stewart) 5:50, Dupuis Col (kneeing major, game misconduct) 20:00.
Second Period
6. Colorado, Winnik 8 (Porter, Hunwick) 11:09 (pp)
Penalty — Giordano Cal (delay of game) 9:12.
Third Period
7. Calgary, Tanguay 15 (Regehr, Morrison) 0:40
8. Calgary, Glencross 19 (Kostopoulos, Moss) 2:57
9. Calgary, Iginla 25 (Backlund, Staios) 9:16
10. Calgary, Stajan 5 (Bourque) 18:55 (sh)
Penalties — Sarich Cal (tripping) 6:46, Wilson Col (cross-checking) 11:16, Moss Cal (slashing) 18:08.
Shots

Calgary	13	7	13—33
Colorado	7	9	7—23

Goal (shots-saves) — Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,25-19-4)(18-17), Karlsson (13:24 third)(5-5); Colorado: Budaj (L,12-11-3)(18-13), Anderson (5:57 first)(15-11),. **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 1-4; Colorado: 1-3.
Referees — Francis Charron, Kevin Pollock.
Linesmen — David Brisebois, Brian Murphy.
Att. — 14,035 (18,007) at Denver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	40	34	74
D.Sedin, Vcr	29	44	73
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	55	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
St. Louis, TB	20	46	66
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Perry, Ana	28	33	61
Zetterberg, Det	17	44	61
E.Staal, Car	27	29	56
Iginla, Cal	25	31	56
Ovechkin, Wash	21	35	56
Kesler, Vcr	32	22	54
Eriksson, Dal	18	35	53
Kopitar, LA	17	36	53
Selanne, Ana	17	36	53
Giroux, Pha	19	32	51
Toews, Chi	19	31	50
Backstrom, Wash	14	36	50
Sharp, Chi	28	21	49
J.Carter, Pha	26	23	49
Nash, Clb	26	23	49
M.Richards, Pha	17	32	49
Vanek, Buf	22	26	48
Havlat, Minn	16	32	48
Duchene, Col	21	26	47
Tavares, NYI	21	26	47

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man United	26	16	9	1	57	25	57
Arsenal	26	16	5	5	56	27	53
Man City	27	14	7	6	43	24	49
Tottenham	26	13	8	5	37	28	47
Chelsea	26	13	6	7	46	22	45
Liverpool	27	11	6	10	35	32	39
Sunderland	27	9	10	8	33	33	37
Bolton	27	9	9	9	38	37	36
Newcastle	27	9	8	10	42	38	35
Stoke	26	10	3	13	31	33	33
Blackburn	27	9	5	13	34	42	32
Fulham	27	6	13	8	28	28	31
Everton	26	6	12	8	33	36	30
Birmingham	26	6	12	8	25	35	30
Aston Villa	27	7	9	11	31	46	30
Blackpool	26	8	5	13	39	50	29
West Brom	26	7	6	13	34	51	27
Wigan	27	5	12	10	27	45	27
West Ham	27	5	10	12	30	48	25
Wolverhampton	26	7	3	16	26	45	24

Yesterday's results
Birmingham 0 Newcastle 2

EUROPA LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

FIRST LEG
Aris (Greece) 0 Manchester City (England) 0

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First Leg
Yesterday's results
AC Milan (Italy) 0 Tottenham (England) 1
Valencia (Spain) 1 Schalke (Germany) 1

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Boston minor league RHP William Abreu (Dominican Summer League) and free agent minor league RHP Joseph Carpabire 50 games each for testing positive for each tested positive for performance-enhancing substances.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Traded RHP Robert Coello to the Chicago Cubs for 2B Tony Thomas.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Eduardo Perez and Jason Bere special assistants to baseball operations.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Announced RHP Brian Schlitter was claimed off waivers by Philadelphia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with INF Kelly Johnson on a one-year contract.

NFL

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Designated DT Haloti Ngata as the franchise player.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Jim Zorn quarterbacks coach.
NEW YORK JETS—Desinated LB David Harris as the franchise player.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Designated QB Michael Vick as the franchise player and PK David Akers as the transition player.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Designated WR Vincent Jackson as the franchise player.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Chris Palmer offensive coordinator.

CFL

B.C. LIONS—Signed DL Brent Johnson to a contract extension through the 2012 season.
CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Re-signed WR Romby Bryant. HOCKEY

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed D Dustin Byfuglien to a contract extension through the 2015-16 season. Recalled D Paul Postma from Chicago (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled D Brett Carson from Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled D Nick Leddy from Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned D John Moore to Springfield (AHL).
DALLAS STARS—Recalled F Toby Petersen from Texas (AHL) and activated him from injured reserve. Assigned F Francis Wathier to Texas. Recalled D Trevor Ludwig from Texas.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned RW Jan Mursak to Grand Rapids (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Brendon Nash from Hamilton (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Placed G Martin Brodeur on the injured reserve list, retroactive to Feb. 6.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Erik Condra from Binghamton (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Mike Vernace from Norfolk (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled D Yann Sauve from Manitoba (AHL).

LACROSSE

NLL

WEEK SEVEN

Friday's games
Rochester at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 20
Calgary at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP OPEN 13

At MARSEILLE, France
Singles — First Round
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Benoit Pare, France, 6-1, 6-2.
Michael Llodra (8), France, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Thomas Schoorel, Netherlands, 6-0, 6-2.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Andrey Kumantsov, Russia, 6-2, 6-0.
Marin Cilic, Croaita, def. Stephane Bohli, Switzerland, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2.

WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles — First Round
Shahar Peer (9), Israel, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta (11), Italy, def. Jelena Dokic, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.
Kaia Kanepi (12), Estonia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 6-1, 6-2.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Petra Kvitova (13), Czech Republic, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3).
Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, def. Ana Ivanovic (14), Serbia, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Sara Errani, Italy, def. Zuzana Kucova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-4.
Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-3.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 7-5, 6-3.
Jie Zheng, China, def. Kristina Barrios, Germany, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.
Jarmila Groth, Australia def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Sania Mirza, India, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-1.

WTA COPA BBVA COLSANITAS

At BOGOTA, Colombia
Singles — First Round
Julia Goerges (1), Germany, def. Olivia Sanchez, France, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 7-5.
Polona Hercog (2), Slovenia, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (10), 6-2.
Carla Suarez Navarro (5), Spain, def. Masa Zec Peskiric, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-2.
Nina Bratchikova, Russia, def. Edina Gallovits-Hall (6), Romania, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino (7), Spain, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 6-1, 6-4.
Sharon Fichman, Toronto, def. Leticia Costas-Moreira, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Zuzana Ondraskova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-1.
Han Xinyun, China, def. Mariana Duque Marino, Colombia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.
Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Silvia Soler Espinosa, Spain, 6-1, 7-5.
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Bianca Botto, Peru, 6-1, 0-1, retired.
Corinna Dentoni, Italy, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
Beatriz Garcia Vidagany, Spain, leads Arantxa Parra Santonja (4), Spain, 5-7, 6-3, 2-1, susp., rain.

ATP RMK CHAMPIONSHIPS & THE WTA CELLULAR SOUTH CUP

At MEMPHIS, Tenn.
Men
Singles — First Round
Mardy Fish (4), U.S., def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-1, 7-5.
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Ryan Sweeting, U.S., 6-0, 7-6 (7).
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
James Blake, United States, def. Ricardo Mello, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Brian Dabul, Argentina, def. Michal Przysiezny, Poland, 7-5, 6-4.
Michael Russell, U.S., def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-1, 7-6 (1).
Women
Second Round
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
Ksenia Pervak, Russia, def. Renata Voracova (7), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-1.
Alexa Glatch, United States, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netheralnds, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	39	14	.736	—
d-Miami	40	15	.727	—
d-Chicago	36	16	.692	2½
Atlanta	34	20	.630	5½
Orlando	35	21	.625	5½
New York	27	26	.509	12
Philadelphia	26	28	.481	13½
Indiana	24	29	.453	15
Charlotte	24	31	.436	16
Milwaukee	21	33	.389	18½
Detroit	20	36	.357	20½
New Jersey	17	39	.304	23½
Washington	15	38	.283	24
Toronto	15	40	.273	25
Cleveland	9	46	.164	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	46	9	.836	—
Dallas	38	16	.704	7½
d-L.A. Lakers	38	18	.679	8½
d-Oklahoma City	34	19	.642	11
New Orleans	33	23	.589	13½
Portland	31	24	.564	15
Utah	31	24	.564	15
Denver	31	25	.554	15½
Memphis	30	26	.536	16½
Phoenix	26	26	.500	18½
Houston	26	30	.464	20½
Golden State	24	29	.453	21
L.A. Clippers	20	35	.364	26
Sacramento	13	38	.255	31
Minnesota	13	42	.236	33

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Last night's results
Miami 110 Indiana 103
Charlotte at Chicago
Philadelphia at Memphis
Sacramento at Oklahoma City
Utah at Phoenix
New Orleans at Golden State
Monday's results
Charlotte 109 L.A. Lakers 89
San Antonio 102 New Jersey 85
Atlanta 94 Detroit 79
Milwaukee 102 L.A. Clippers 78
Portland 95 Minnesota 81
Houston 121 Denver 102
Tonight's games
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY RAPTORS 98, CLIPPERS 93

L.A. CLIPPERS (93)
Gomes 5-8 2-2 14, Griffin 7-13 7-10 21, Jordan 2-2 2-6 6, B.Davis 7-16 6-6 20, Foye 2-14 1-1 5, Bledsoe 2-9 3-5 7, Aminu 1-4 1-2 3, Cook 6-11 2-2 17, Diogu 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-77 24-34 93.
TORONTO (98)
Weems 3-7 4-5 10, A.Johnson 3-5 0-0 6, Bargnani 9-21 8-9 27, Calderon 3-8 4-6 10, DeRozan 7-18 3-5 17, E.Davis 6-8 1-1 13, Barbosa 3-9 4-4 11, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0, Bayless 0-2 0-0 0, T.Johnson 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 35-82 26-32 98.

L.A. Clippers	24	24	23	22	—93
Toronto	24	24	30	20	—98

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 5-14 (Cook 3-5, Gomes 2-3, Bledsoe 0-1, B.Davis 0-2, Foye 0-3), Toronto 2-13 (Bargnani 1-3, Barbosa 1-5, DeRozan 0-1, Calderon 0-2, Bayless 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 54 (Griffin 15), Toronto 54 (E.Davis 14). Assists—L.A. Clippers 15 (B.Davis 7), Toronto 16 (Calderon 11). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 23, Toronto 27. Technicals—B.Davis, L.A. Clippers Bench, Toronto defensive three second 2. A—19,800 (19,800) at Toronto.

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GMs work phones as deadline nears

- No shortage of teams looking to deal to shore up rosters for playoffs
- 'We're not throwing in the towel ... we're not done yet either': Burke

With one eye on the standings and another on the calendar, NHL general managers are getting down to work.

The trade market picked up a full two weeks before the Feb. 28 deadline as GMs got an early start on trying to improve their teams. Outside of the deadline, in-season trades have virtually been eliminated in the NHL's salary cap era — at least until recently.

"The deals are happening a little earlier this year, which I think is a good thing," Hurricanes GM Jim Rutherford said yesterday.

"It makes sense for teams to get their players in and get them accustomed to their new teams. These deals will probably keep happening right through to the 28th now."

A couple major deals got done early last season — Ilya Kovalchuk to New Jersey, Dion Phaneuf and J.S. Giguere to Toronto — but those transactions stood alone.

Trades both big and small are being made now and seem to be driven by a combination of factors.

Tight playoff races — particularly in the Western Conference, where third and 13th are separated by 10 points — are playing a part, as is the experience of years past.

Some managers have become wary of the frantic action that can be seen annually in the final hours of the trading period.

"It just gets confused, it's like a cattle stampede at the deadline," Maple Leafs GM Brian Burke told reporters in Boston yesterday. "You're in your war room and you're on one line, the assistant GM's on another line, the third guy's on another line and you're trying to sort things out.

"I know from talking to a couple other GMs that our trade set off a big surge in phone activity."
BRIAN BURKE, ON THE KRIS VERSTEEG DEAL

"People keep popping off the board — this guy moves to a team and all of a sudden you're stuck with a lesser alternative that you're not crazy about, but you do it anyway because you think you want to do something."

The Hurricanes sit eighth in the Eastern Conference and Rutherford expects the race to go right down to the wire. He's currently sitting on a move that would give him more flexibility.

"We'll consider making a deal here in the next few days that may position us better to do something closer to the deadline," said Rutherford. "There are teams inquiring about some of our players, which is pretty natural at this time."

Pressure is mounting in cities like Boston and Los Angeles, where GMs Peter Chiarelli and Dean Lombardi have made no secret of their desire to add a player or two.

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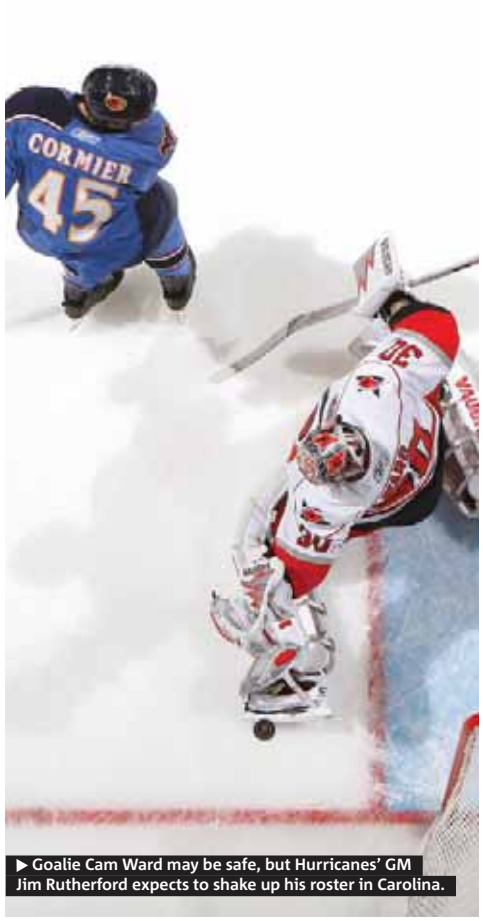

▶ Goalie Cam Ward may be safe, but Hurricanes' GM Jim Rutherford expects to shake up his roster in Carolina.

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HAS BURKE CHANGED LEAFS' PLAN?

For the second straight season, the Maple Leafs are in the midst of another late-winter trade-o-rama. But this year's housecleaning seems to be different than last year's.

Last year, it was Matt Stajan, Ian White, Vesa Toskala and Jason Blake, among others, who were sent packing out of Toronto by GM Brian Burke at the end of January; this year, it's defenceman Francois Beauchemin (dealt to Anaheim) and right-winger Kris Versteeg (shipped to Philadelphia) who have been turned into former Leafs, with more — most notably, longest-serving Leaf Tomas Kaberle — likely to follow them out the door by the Feb. 28 trade deadline.

Last year, Burke's deals brought in experienced NHLers (including goalie J.S. Giguere and current captain Dion Phaneuf). But the Beauchemin and Versteeg trades appear to represent a backtracking by Burke on his oft-stated goal of avoiding a long-term, more traditional rebuilding of the franchise, instead attempting to stay competitive while restocking the team's depleted collection of NHL prospects.

Yes, Beauchemin was traded for veteran right-winger Joffrey Lupul, but most believe the key piece Toronto received in that deal was 20-year-old NCAA blueliner Jake Gardiner; and with the Versteeg transaction, all Toronto got was salary cap relief (Versteeg will earn $3.08 million next year) and the Flyers' first- and third-round draft picks this summer.

Perhaps Burke uses the $24 million in salary cap space he's built up to take an off-season run at soon-to-be-unrestricted free agent Dallas Stars centre Brad Richards.

However, Burke's willingness to start jettisoning veterans — especially veterans he brought to Toronto himself — without wanting experienced players in return is as close as he may get to a tacit admission his sped-up rebuild isn't working as planned.

To some Leafs fans who still break out in hives when hearing Phil Kessel's name, such an admission is coming a couple years too late. But better late than never.

Burke could stubbornly stick to his guns and acquire familiar NHL names who cash large paycheques. That he would rather accept cap flexibility and the promise that comes along with still-developing youngsters shows he has learned a painful lesson.

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Leafs

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Sabres

Ryan Miller is expected to return to net for Buffalo after getting a rare night off. The Vezina-winning goaltender had started 31 straight games before watching last night's game from the bench. Miller was in net for all seven goals in a loss to the Islanders Sunday.

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Engine

Visually, the G25's appearance is virtually identical to that of the G37, and that's a good thing. But where they part company, of course, is the powertrain. The G37 has a 328-horsepower 3.7-litre V6, while the G25 makes do with a 218-horsepower 2.5-litre V6.

Given the fact that the G25 has 30 per cent less power than the G37 and is only slightly lighter, a more modest rate of acceleration is definitely in the cards.

Entry-premium

The G-series, with its rear- and all-wheel-drive architecture, was originally created to challenge the likes of BMW's 3 series, the Audi A4 and the Mercedes-Benz C-class sedans.

Since its 2003-model-year launch, the highly regarded "G" has helped establish Infiniti as a serious rival in the entry-premium category.

Speaking performance

The subtly flared fenders that contain the G25's standard 17-inch alloy wheels offer some clue that this sedan speaks the language of performance.

One advantage of not downsizing to create an entry model is that you get a roomy, comfortable car to drive with plenty of luxury-grade amenities.

In case you are concerned that the G25 is a seriously decontented ride, it arrives with standard leather-covered seats, climate control, aluminum trim, remote keyless start and a six-speaker audio system with satellite radio capability.

▶ When the G-series sedan launched, it was rated at 260 horsepower. As that level climbed to the current 328 horses, the door was left wide open for a new, less-expensive, base model with a smaller engine. Enter the 2.5-litre G25.

More affordable luxury doesn't have to mean a smaller car

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Just about every luxury automaker is downsizing to stay relevant in a time when bottom line and fuel prices are high on shoppers' lists.

That means new small cars packed with features and smaller engines to keep governments and socially conscious buyers happy.

Infiniti is doing something radically different ... by keeping things the same ... sort of.

By adding a new G25 with a smaller engine and smaller loan payment than the G37, Infiniti doesn't really need to go back to the drawing board for a new small design.

Some might argue that dropping the price by about $4,000 and cutting out 110 horsepower reduces some of the car's cachet. After all, with a $38,300 base price, which includes destination charges, the G25 is about $3,000 less than the top-of-the-line V6-powered Maxima sedan that's sold by Infiniti's Nissan parent.

However, the Japan-based automaker is clearly more interested in spreading the G-series gospel to a wider audience of potential customers than worrying about any possible erosion or crossover in Maxima sales.

Infiniti is obviously banking on a brace of buyers seeking the look and feel of a luxury sedan, but who are willing to sacrifice a degree of performance to save big bucks when signing on the dotted line. If that seems like a fair trade-off, then the G25 might just be your portal to privilege-class driving.

▶ The G25 really doesn't skimp anywhere on goodies. It comes with standard leather, climate control and a centre display screen to keep tabs on the electronics. Navigation is not available, though.

G25 facts

- **Type:** Rear- /all-wheel-drive entry-luxury sedan.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.3/6.8.

$350

A seven-speed automatic transmission will keep the G25's 2.5-litre V6 in its ideal rev range, which improves acceleration and fuel economy. The difference between the G25 and G37 is about $350 per year, if comparing fuel ratings from Natural Resources Canada.

▶ Are you looking at a G25 or a G37? The badging is different and the G25's wheels are a little smaller, but other than that they look pretty much the same.

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Dates

- The auto show runs from Feb. 18 – 27 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For showtimes and directions, check out autoshow.ca.

GM

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▶ Chevrolet Volt

When talking about GM this year, you have to start with Chevrolet.

And if the only thing Chevrolet was doing for the 2011 model year was launching the Volt electric car, that would be enough, especially considering the investment dollars tied up in technologies that have never found their way into a mass-produced car.

However, Chevrolet is also ousting the Cobalt small car in favour of the brand-new Cruze, while at the same time prepping a convertible version of the Camaro for early 2011. You had to expect big things from the reconstituted General Motors and, well, you're looking at it! The concept behind the compact four-door-sedan Volt is relatively simple. The onboard batteries provide power to the electric motor for about 65 kilometres of combined city/highway driving, after which a 1.4-litre four-cylinder gasoline generator engine kicks in to charge the lithium-ion battery pack.

And don't forget that the 2011 Volt earned the North American Car of the Year award at the Detroit Auto Show last month.

Ford

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One of the first to arrive is the Fiesta. It might be new to us, but there are currently more than a half-million Fiestas running around Europe and Asia, where the current version was launched two years ago.

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▶ Ford Fiesta sedan

Chrysler

▶ Chrysler 200 sedan

In just a few years, Chrysler has gone from being owned by a German company, to private ownership, to being steered by an Italian company that happens to be one of the largest automakers in world.

But now what? Having gone through bankruptcy and bailout in 2009, the biggest issue seems to be getting new product on the market for people to actually test drive and buy.

And the best news, here, is that parent Fiat actually wants to build cars. There has been a ton of work going on behind the scenes, including a new-ish 200 sedan (and convertible) based on the previous front-wheel-drive Sebring sedan platform, but with much smoother front and rear styling and LED lamps.

The 300, which was styled by Canadian Ralph Gilles who now runs Dodge, comes in for a visual makeover — new grille, tail lamps, more steeply raked windshield, new wheels, etc. — and a very elegant and high-quality interior upgrade with soft-touch materials, less plastic and more modern shapes, switches and dials. WHEELBASE MEDIA

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AUTO SHOW HAS COME A LONG WAY

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With the Canadian International Auto Show (CIAS) set to open its doors to the public on Friday, it's interesting to compare what you will see at this year's edition to the first auto show ever held in Canada.

One thing that hasn't changed is that the members of the Toronto Automobile Dealers Association, who present the CIAS, will be well represented. Comparing and contrasting the mechanical offerings by TADA's members both then and now is fascinating. It's truly amazing to see how advanced the automobile industry has come in a relatively short period.

The TADA was only 21 years old when the first auto show in Canada was held in Toronto in 1929. Fast forward 82 years and in addition to organizing the show, the TADA has its own exhibit for the very first time. You will not only get a chance to see how its dealer-members take the proceeds from the CIAS and put it back into the community and a number of worthy causes in the GTA, but you'll also get a chance to win 500,000 Aeroplan points.

Imagine trying to explain Aeroplan points to a visitor of that first auto show in Toronto.

Charles Lindbergh had just made his solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean only two years earlier. "Lucky Lindy" would only have earned about 5,000 Aeroplan points for that trip, one per cent of the points that will be awarded to one lucky visitor to this year's show.

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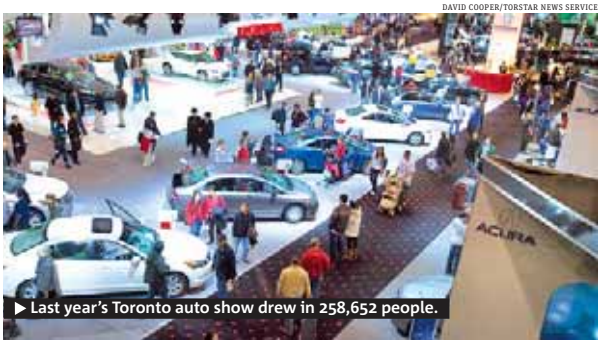

▶ Last year's Toronto auto show drew in 258,652 people.

A great deal has changed since the 1929 show. The location of that first show was in a venue that had just opened and which is still in use today and about to undergo a major renovation. If you guessed that it might be the venerable Automotive Building at the CNE, you'd be wrong, although that too appeared for the first time in 1929. That first show was held in the Arcadian Court that was opened in March of that year. Yes, the same Arcadian Court that is still an event venue on the eighth floor of The Bay at Queen and Yonge Street.

Back then, it was the elegant eatery and ballroom of the Simpson's department store. A place to see and be seen in Toronto.

It's Art Deco 5,500 square feet was packed with the latest in automotive technology. Today, 5,500 square feet would barely contain a couple of exhibitors at this year's CIAS.

There were many familiar names in the Arcadian Court in 1929 that are still in business today — Ford, GM and Chrysler were the lead attractions, but that era also featured a number of legendary nameplates that sadly no longer exist.

Cord, Duesenberg, Hudson and Willys were popular, as were Canada's own home-grown McLaughlin Buicks and the ubiquitous Ford Model 'A'. At that time there was barely anything from beyond the shores of North America. The variance in design and technology was also not that extensive, certainly nothing close to what you will see this year. The most common cars back then featured four-cylinder powerplants, produced 40 to 50 horsepower and cost around $500.

This year, visitors to the show have never had so much choice.

Advancements in design, technology and propulsion systems have been progressing in leaps and bounds. Gasoline, diesel, plug-in electrics, hybrids and alternatively fuelled vehicles will all be in attendance, and not just as concept cars but as production models available to all of us.

Beyond having four wheels and a steering wheel, the cars of 1929 and 2011 have little in common.

However, one thing that has remained constant is the TADA. We were a vibrant, busy organization then, and we are even more so today. Stop by the TADA booth to see how the proceeds from your ticket help some great causes, including the new Ronald McDonald House Toronto and Trillium Gift of Life.

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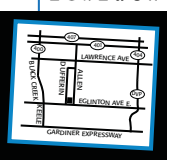

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CSSN, TADA join to halt bullying

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If you're of a certain age, you probably grew up believing that school bullies were an inevitable part of childhood.

Now we know that bullying is a serious problem, and one that the Canadian Safe School Network (CSSN) is helping to combat, especially with a boost from the Toronto Automobile Dealers Association (TADA).

TADA is a sponsor of CSSN, a registered charity that receives no government funding, and provides a new vehicle every two years for the organization's use.

This year, CSSN will enjoy a prime spot at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto to let the public know about its work.

"TADA has set up a kiosk for us at the Auto Show, and it's a tremendous opportunity because of the volume of people going through there," says Stu Auty, president of CSSN.

"It's a demonstrated effort on their part to support an important community initiative."

CSSN originally grew out of the Ontario government's Safe School Task Force in 1997. Auty, a former school administrator and founder of a school for young offenders, knows that prevention is the key.

"We come at it from a number of angles," he says.

"We have resources, which come with videos and teacher guides, that have been distributed across Canada.

We host conferences, including an annual one that will have close to 500 people from across the country, who deal with a wide range of issues such as legal concerns, mental illness and bullying. We have a public help line, a direct service to the community funded by TD Bank. We also provide direct service to school boards for early intervention."

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When someone mentions you have your father's nose, chances are this shared nose is a prominent one. Nothing says we are family like a big schnoz.

And it seems to me, that the automakers have taken an interest of late, in exploring what the big schnoz can do for their respective branding initiatives.

Vehicle "faces" have become quite bold and prominent — a sure fire way of making sure you know which "family" a vehicle belongs to, and about the only way to stand apart from the crowd.

I don't know which came first, the desire to have bold front-end designs, or the ability to make bold front-end designs.

Either way, new lighting technology has literally paved the way for designers to shake things up.

Headlamps no longer have to be big and round and placed in specific spots, and LED lighting can now be used for signal lights, parking lights, accent lights, and taillights.

Check out the headlights on the Nissan Leaf — they're long, streamlined, and seem to be pointing not forward, but "up."

▶ Jaguar XJ

In a lot of cases, these bold front-end styling treatments are about embracing the big, glorious radiator grilles of yore.

The new Lexus LFA supercar features a grille area that looks to be made of black chain-link fence; a mean and purposeful look that embraces racing culture.

Other luxury makes endow their massive grilles with fantastic, sparkling finishes, to simultaneously convey an upscale ambience and a purposeful mechanical vibe.

The Bentley Mulsanne and Jaguar XJ both have such treatments. The new Chrysler 300's front end is not too shabby either.

And this trend is not restricted to upscale makes: check out the aggressive frontal area of Chevrolet Sonic, which will be the automaker's smallest-ever offering. All these new productions cars will be at the Toronto auto show, which starts this weekend, so be sure to check them out. And while you're at it, have a peak at the Nissan Allure concept car, which signals what the next Altima might look like.

The Allure's bold grille is shaped to resemble a kashimono, which is the angular vest sported by Japanese samurai warriors.

So if you like, fine, but if you don't, I wouldn't mention it — to its face.

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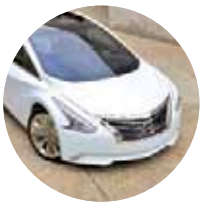

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While not necessarily luxury cars, these are practical, family-friendly vehicles that are likely to fit in your price range

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Overall winners

The overall 2011 Canadian Car of the Year, the 2011 Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year, as well as the Best New Design and Best New Technology for 2011 will all be announced on Thursday morning at the auto show.

1 HYUNDAI
Hyundai Tucson, Best new SUV/CUV (under $35k)

2 TOYOTA
Toyota Sienna, Best New Minivan

3 VOLKSWAGEN
Volkswagen Touareg, Best new SUV/CUV, (over $50k)

4 BUICK
Buick Regal, Best new family car (over $30k)

2011 RESIDUAL VALUE AWARD alg
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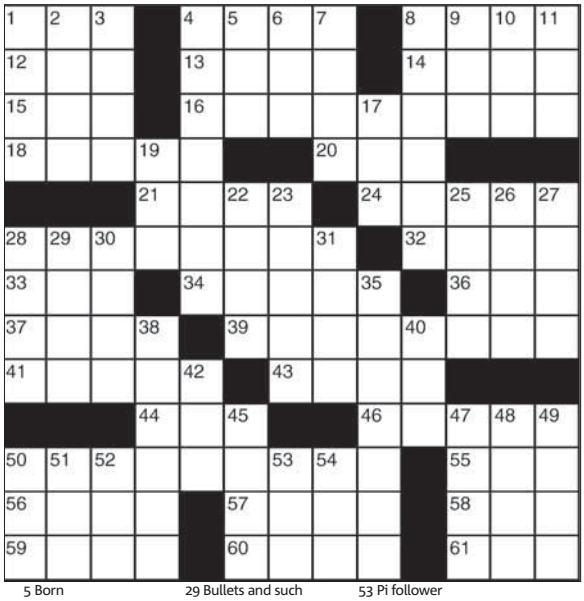

Across

1 "CSI" evidence
4 Destroy
8 Get ready, briefly
12 Charged bit
13 Spruced up
14 Tittle
15 Perched
16 "The Old Man and the Sea" writer
18 Khaki fabric
20 Plant fluid
21 Teatime
24 Bicycle part
28 "The Sound and the Fury" author
32 Infamous emperor
33 Mischievous tyke
34 "Oh, oh, oh, what a girl"
36 Help
37 Out of control
39 "Moby-Dick" author
41 Metric weight
43 Pint : quart :: — :fortnight
44 Mel of Cooperstown
46 Happen again
50 "The Scarlet Letter" author
55 Way back when
56 One
57 Cows and sows
58 Winter ailment
59 Nervous
60 Owl's call
61 Storm center

Down

1 Platter
2 Ark builder
3 Opposed to
4 Loosens, in a way
5 Born
6 Hoover, e.g.
7 Elevator name
8 Dirty "Peanuts" character
9 Tier
10 Greek vowel
11 Remuneration
17 Siesta
19 Gridiron grp.
22 "E Pluribus —"
23 Mend anew
25 Transaction
26 Seed covering
27 Prospector's strike
28 Decree
29 Bullets and such
30 "Once — a time ..."
31 Incense
35 Challenging peak
38 Seemingly unsolvable
40 Eisenhower
42 Biblical verb suffix
45 Comedy Central's Daniel
47 Eatery
48 Unattractive
49 Libertine
50 Coloration
51 Moreover
52 Peruke
53 Pi follower
54 Ultramodernist

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

5			4	7	2			9
					8	5		
	7	9	3			4		
3	6		1		7	2		8
9								6
2		7	6		4		5	3
		2			1	8	6	
		3	7					
1			8	4	9			2

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	2	5	9	4	8	3	7	1
7	8	3	1	5	6	2	4	9
1	4	9	2	7	3	6	5	8
3	5	1	4	2	7	9	8	6
4	6	7	8	3	9	1	2	5
2	9	8	6	1	5	7	3	4
5	1	4	3	9	2	8	6	7
8	7	2	5	6	1	4	9	3
9	3	6	7	8	4	5	1	2

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It may seem to some people as if you are losing the plot, but that's a long way from the truth. The only thing you are likely to lose today is that vague feeling of guilt you've been dragging around.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Try not to appear eager today. Give others the impression that you don't care whether you succeed. With luck, it will leave them confused — and leave you with an opening.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There is no point focusing on the past. What's done is done and cannot be undone, so the best thing to do is to set your sights on a particular goal and go after it with all your might.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There is something that is bothering you deeply and others are beginning to pick up your anxiety. There is no need to worry: What you fear the most is not going to happen.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you try too hard to live up to other people's image of who you should be then, inevitably, you will end up exhausting yourself. Be who you are to the best of your abilities.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If someone in a position of power asks you to do something you think is immoral or otherwise wrong, you must say no. Your career is important, but nowhere nearly as important as your self-respect.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Watch your back and resist the Libran temptation to give others the benefit of the doubt when they clearly don't deserve it. Someone, it seems, is plotting against you. Stay on your toes.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Something you've been working on for several months is beginning to cost you more than you can afford, so you may need to bring other people into the equation.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your mind is in a bit of a whirl at the moment as you try to make sense of conflicting advice that is coming at you from a dozen different directions. The answer is: Follow your own instincts.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Do you hold out for a better offer or do you take what is on the table and be grateful for it? Only you can decide, but don't sell your talents short out of fear that you may end up with nothing at all.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Most of your problems are illusory and if you focus only on positive things, the bad will soon fade. Compared to most people, you've got it good. It's going to get even better.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 How do you deal with someone who refuses to see sense? You ignore him or her. The person is entitled to believe anything he or she chooses.

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